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An Act for the Organization of Corporate Congregational Churches

Act 53, Public Acts of Michigan, 1901, as amended by Act 84, Public Acts, 1905, and Act 298 of Public Acts of 1913

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

SECTION 1. Sections one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten of act number fifty-three of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred one, entitled "An act for the organization of corporate Congregational churches," as amended by act number eighty-four of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred five, are hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 1. It shall be lawful for any number of persons of full age, not less than five, who may desire to form themselves into a Congregational church, to adopt, execute and acknowledge before any person authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds, articles of association, in writing, whereby they shall agree to organize a church, according to the faith and usages of the churches commonly called Congregational, under the name and style set forth in said articles, which shall contain the following items:

First. The name of said church;

Second. The township, village or city, and the county in which said church shall be located;

Third. An agreement to worship and labor together as a church according to the faith and usages of the churches commonly called Congregational.

SEC. 2. The persons signing said articles may, at the same time, elect by ballot, or may designate some other time and place for so electing, not less than three nor more than twelve trustees, a majority of whom shall be members of said church, to serve until their successors shall be elected. One-third of said trustees as near as may be shall, at the first election, be chosen for three years, one-third for two years, and one-third for one year, but thereafter, except to fill vacancies, they shall be chosen for three years, of which election a full record shall be made, and a certified copy of such record, signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the meeting at which said election is held, together with said articles of association, shall be recorded by the clerk of the county in which such church or place of worship is or shall be located, in a book by him provided for that purpose, and such clerk shall be entitled to a fee of ten cents per folio for recording the same. When said articles of association and the certificate of election of said trustees shall have been so filed for record, the persons who shall have signed said articles, together with those who shall thereafter become members of said church, and, if the articles of association so provide, those persons being of legal age, who are, and those who shall become regular contributors to the support of said church, shall become and be a body corporate under the name and style adopted in said articles, which name shall conform to the following form, namely: The (insert name or number) Congregational church of (insert name of place of location).

Sec. 3. It shall be lawful for said corporation at any regular or called meeting of its members, due notice having been given as hereinafter provided, by a two-thirds majority of the ballots cast at such meeting, to amend its articles of association in any manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and such amendment shall become operative when a copy of the same, duly certified by the presiding officer and clerk of such meeting, and acknowledged before any person authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds, shall be filed with the clerk of the county for record.

Sec. 4. At all meetings of said corporations, subsequent to the first, right to vote upon questions involving the acquirement and disposition of property and the expenditure of money shall be confined to adult members of the church so incorporated, and, if the articles of association so provide, those persons being of legal age, who are regular contributors to its support: Provided, That if said church shall have suspended worship, the right to vote shall be determined as of the date of such suspension.

Sec. 5. Notice of meetings of said corporation, specifying the time, place, and object thereof, shall be read from the pulpit on the two successive Sundays preceding such meeting on which services shall be held: Provided, however, That in case it is proposed to amend the articles of association, the proposed amendment, together with a notice of the meeting called for its consideration, shall be read from the pulpit on the three successive Sundays, immediately preceding such meeting on which services shall be held; and the proposed amendment shall not itself be amended, in any material point, in the meeting so called for its consideration: And provided further, That if there should be no public services at which the notice herein required may be given, said notice may be posted on the church door or published in the town, city or county newspaper whose circulation among the members is greatest, for three weeks preceding such meeting, specifying the time and place and object thereof.

Sec. 6. In the management of the secular affairs of the church so incorporated and of the business of said corporation, but subject always to its direction and control, the board of trustees thereof shall have and exercise all such powers of the board of directors of a business corporation as are appropriate to the purposes and business of a religious corporation: Provided, however, That said board of trustees shall not choose, call, settle or dismiss a pastor or fix his salary, or buy, sell, convey or incumber real estate or any right thereto or interest therein, unless instructed so to do by said corporation at a regularly called meeting: And provided further, That members of the board of trustees and such other officers as may be provided for in the articles of association shall be elected by ballot at a regularly called meeting of those entitled to vote under the articles of association.

Sec. 7. Such corporation may have a seal and alter the same at will. It may, in its corporate name, sue and be sued in all courts of competent jurisdiction. Subject to the provisions of this act it shall have power to choose, call and settle a pastor and fix his salary; to elect trustees, treasurer and clerk and such other officers as may be provided for in its articles of association; to direct and control their actions; to acquire, hold, manage, control, sell and convey property both real and personal; to hold and recover all debts, damages, rights, privileges and all property, real, personal or mixed of what-

soever nature they or it may be and in whosoever hands held, belonging or appertaining to said church or to the religious organization out of which it is incorporated or reincorporated the same as if the right and title to said property had originally been vested in said corporation. It may hold so much real estate as may be needed for the purpose of church building, parsonage and cemetery purposes and of any so-called institutional activities; it may also hold for a period not exceeding ten years, such real estate as may be conveyed or devised to it even though the same be not needed for the purposes above mentioned or be actually occupied by it in the exercise of its franchises: Provided, however, That all property of said corporation whether real, personal or mixed or whether held in fee or in trust and the income therefrom and the proceeds thereof when sold shall, subject to the terms of any trust or trusts relating thereto or to any part thereof, be held and used by said corporation for the benefit of said church as a Congregational religious organization, and for no other purpose whatsoever, except as provided in section eight of this act. Said corporation may and shall hold in perpetuity as a permanent fund all property given, bequeathed or devised to it or acquired by it for the purpose of an endowment, the income from which fund, subject to the terms of any specific trust or trusts relating thereto, or to any particular part thereof, may be used for any lawful purposes of said church or corporation: Provided, That as to real estate, said property, when so required by law, may be sold and the proceeds from such sale covered into said fund: And provided further, That said corporation, in the lawful administration of said fund, may sell any property therein and re-invest the proceeds of such sale in such securities and other property as shall be lawful investments for saving banks and trustees in this state, said property and securities when acquired, to become a part of the principal of said fund: And provided further, That none of the offerings of said church received or collected for missionary or benevolent purposes shall be used for the current running expenses of said church or corporation; nor shall any fund or funds, money or other property received, set aside, accumulated or acquired for a specific purpose be diverted to any other use without the consent of the donor or his duly authorized representative.

SEC. 8. In all cases where the property of any corporation subject to the provisions of this act has been abandoned, or is no longer used for the benefit of said corporation as a Congregational religious organization, or if said corporation has for a period of two years ceased to exercise its corporate functions, or to hold regular religious services, then, in any or all of such cases, the local association of churches with which it is, or has last been connected may, by resolution declare the said corporation extinct and may notify the Michigan Congregational Conference, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of this state, of such resolution. Upon receiving such notice the said conference by its executive committee or such officer as said committee may designate, may apply to any court of equity jurisdiction in the county in which said property may be, for a decree, dissolving said corporation and vesting the title to its property in the said Michigan Congregational Conference. The application for such decree shall contain a statement of the reasons for said action and there shall be annexed thereto a duly certified copy of the resolution of the local association of churches

to which said corporation belonged, declaring said church extinct, as above provided. Upon the filing of said application an order shall be entered, requiring all persons interested in said corporation, to show cause if any they have why such corporation should not be dissolved, at some time and place to be therein specified, not less than four weeks from the date thereof. Notice of the contents of such order shall be published once in each week for three successive weeks in a newspaper published in said county, if any such there be, and if not, in such newspaper of general circulation in said county as the court may direct. On the day appointed in such order, or on any day to which the court may adjourn the proceedings, if it shall appear to the court that the facts set forth in said application are true, a decree shall be entered, dissolving said corporation and vesting the title to its property in the said Michigan Congregational Conference, and such corporation shall thereupon be dissolved and the title to its property shall vest in the said Michigan Congregational Conference, which shall hold the said property, or the proceeds thereof if, in its judgment, it shall be deemed wise to sell it, in trust for two years and if, within said time, a Congregational church shall be incorporated under this act as the successor of the church so dissolved and shall be received in due form as a member of the local association to which the said church belonged at the time of its dissolution, it shall be the duty of the said Michigan Congregational Conference, on receiving satisfactory proof of said facts, to convey the said property or the proceeds thereof to the said church so incorporated which shall then be deemed to be in all respects the successor of the said church so dissolved, and shall succeed to all of its rights, privileges, property and obligations, except as above provided, as if said corporation had not been dissolved. But if no such church is so organized and incorporated, the absolute title to said property shall vest in the said Michigan Congregational Conference, subject to all trusts affecting the same in the hands of the dissolved corporation.

SEC. 9. Any church or religious organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, may, at a meeting duly called for the purpose, by a two-thirds vote of those persons present and voting, place itself under the provisions of this act, the same as if incorporated under it by adopting and filing articles of association as provided in section two hereof.

SEC. 10. In all cases, whether in law or in equity, that may arise in any of the courts of the state, regarding churches incorporated under this act, or those which by vote shall have put themselves under its provisions, all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith shall be interpreted and construed in such manner as to give full force and effect to the provisions of this act.

In effect after August 15, 1913.

AN ACT to Provide for the Voluntary Dissolution of Ecclesiastical Societies Auxiliary to Congregational Churches, and for the Disposition of their Property, and to Repeal Act Number Forty-seven of the Public Acts of Nineteen Hundred One, Entitled, "An Act for the Consolidation in Congregational Churches of an Ecclesiastical Society with its Church."

Act 303, Public Acts of Michigan, 1913

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

SECTION 1. Whenever any Congregational church, in connection with which is an already incorporated religious or ecclesiastical society, at any regular or called meeting, shall express by ballot and by a two-thirds vote of its qualified members present and voting a desire to assume said corporate powers and the direction and control of its property and secular affairs, the trustees of said society, upon receiving official notification of the vote of said church, shall forthwith call a meeting of said society, of which meeting notice shall be given on three successive Sundays next preceding the date of said meeting, specifying the time, place and object thereof, to consider and vote upon the questions stated in section two hereof.

SEC. 2. At the meeting so called, the following question shall be put to vote:

Shall the title to all the property of the (name of society) be vested in theCongregational church of..... Michigan, and the said society be dissolved?

The vote shall be by ballot and if two-thirds of the ballots cast shall be in the affirmative, a duly certified copy of such resolution shall be transmitted to the clerk of the said church who shall call a meeting of the said church, which shall then prepare, execute and place on record, articles of association under and in accordance with the provisions of act number fifty-three of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred one, and the amendments thereto, or such other act as may hereafter supersede said act and upon recording said articles of association as provided in said act the said society shall be dissolved and all property owned by it shall pass to and be held by the said church so incorporated under the name and style adopted by it in the said articles of association, and all liabilities of said society shall be assumed and paid by said church.

SEC. 3. Act number forty-seven of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred one, entitled "An act for the consolidation in Congregational churches of an ecclesiastical society with its church," is hereby repealed: Provided, however, That notwithstanding the repeal thereof, all rights of every kind and nature now held or enjoyed under and by virtue thereof, are expressly preserved and shall continue unimpaired; and said act shall be deemed to be still in force for the enjoyment and protection of said rights but for no other purpose whatsoever.

In effect after August 15, 1913.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

(As amended May 23, 1934.)

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference.

ARTICLE II

The object of this Conference is and shall be, in general, the propagation of the religious faith and ecclesiastical polity of the Congregational and Christian Churches in connection with the said Conference, and with "The General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches of the United States," and for the carrying out of this object, the reception, holding, investing, reinvesting and disbursement of such moneys and properties as may be given or bequeathed to it for any purposes within the scope of the Conference and more particularly the following:—

- (1) The planting and nurturing of Sunday Schools of said faith and order.
- (2) The planting and aiding of churches of said faith and order.
- (3) The helping of churches of said faith and order in erecting houses of worship and parsonages.
- (4) The careful oversight of the churches of said faith and order in conjunction with advisory committees chosen by the local associations of churches.
- (5) The relief of disabled ministers of said faith and order and of their families.
- (6) The extension of Christianity in foreign lands; the furtherance of Christian education; and co-operation with all the benevolent interests of said faith and order.
- (7) The providing for the training and examination of such applicants for licensure and ordination, within said faith and order as have not received the collegiate and seminary education.
- (8) The providing a bureau of ministerial supply.
- (9) The collection and preservation of results of councils, and of records, minutes, books, etc., pertaining to churches and ministers of said faith and order.
- (10) The doing of whatever else may foster the growth, or promote the welfare or the interests of said faith and order, not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Michigan or of the United States.

ARTICLE III

Members.—SECTION 1. Every Congregational or Christian church connected with a local Association in this State is entitled to representation in this Conference by its pastor, if a member in regular standing in some local association in this State, and by one delegate to be chosen by such church annually.

SEC. 2. All officers of the Conference, all ministers in regular standing in any local Association in the State, and all who may be members of the Board of Trustees in regular standing during any part of the annual State meeting are entitled to membership in the Conference.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings.—The annual meeting of this Conference shall be held at such place as shall have been selected at the previous meeting, and shall begin on the third Tuesday in May, at 7:30 p. m.; if any exigency arise, which, in the unanimous opinion of the moderator, registrar and scribe, requires a special meeting of the Conference, or a change in either the time or place of the annual meeting thereof, it shall be competent for these officers to call such special meeting, or to make such change of time or place of holding the annual meeting, by giving thirty days' notice to the clerks of the churches and to the ministerial members. Notice of a special meeting must state its purposes.

ARTICLE V

Quorum.—Thirty-five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI

Trustees.—The Board of Trustees of this Conference shall be composed of the Moderator and of one representative from each local association of Congregational and Christian churches and ministers, one from each new association as formed, and twelve to be chosen from the state at large, provided that at least one-third of the entire number shall be women. They shall be elected by ballot on Wednesday, the second day of the meeting of the Conference. At the first election one-third shall be elected for a term of three years, one-third for two years and one-third for one year, and thereafter one-third for a term of three years and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. No trustee shall be eligible for re-election after having served two consecutive terms until he shall have been out of office at least one year, it being construed that election for a portion of a term is equivalent to the full term. Said trustees shall annually elect seven members of their number, of whom at least one-third shall be women, as an Executive Committee, who shall have such power as may be vested in them by the Board of Trustees. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies in their membership until the next meeting of the Conference.

The Board of Trustees shall have charge of the property of the Conference, and shall transact either directly or through their Executive Committee, all of the affairs thereof, except as otherwise provided. They shall receive, hold, control, invest, reinvest and expend all the moneys or property given or bequeathed in trust or otherwise to the said Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference and shall apply the same, or the proceeds thereof, to the work of said Conference, or to such branches thereof as may be designated in the will, bequest or trust, in accordance with the laws of the State. The Trustees shall, by every means within their power, promote each and all of the objects of the Conference stated in Article II, and shall make annual report to the Conference of the administration of the funds, the work accomplished and the existing condition in each department of effort, and shall recommend such appropriation of moneys, the creation of such agencies and the initiation of such measures as in their judgment shall be best adapted to promote the interests of the said several departments. They shall carry into effect the action of the Conference upon their recommendations, but the appointment, oversight and control of all such agencies shall be vested in the Trustees and their Executive Committee, provided that any appointment of a superintendent shall be subject to confirmation of the Conference. A majority of the members elect of said Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII

Said Conference may hold real and personal property as is permitted by law, to be devoted exclusively to the purposes set forth in Article II. (As amended May 15, 1917.)

ARTICLE VIII

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, due notice having been given at the previous annual meeting, designating the subject and article to be affected.

ARTICLE IX

The term of existence of this corporation is fixed at thirty years from the twenty-first day of May, 1916.

CONSTITUTION

(As amended June 9, 1910, May 14, 1914, and May 23, 1934.)

PREAMBLE

The Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference in voluntary fellowship for the promotion of the Church of Christ through common consecration and co-operation, makes confession of its devout faith in one God, our Father in Heaven, who has manifested Himself to the world in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, and in living fellowship abides in His children through His Spirit, our guide and comforter; and, believing that the principles of the Congregational system of church government are best adapted to the promotion of the welfare of the Christian church, and believing, moreover, that the extension and efficiency of the system would be greatly promoted by organizing a general Conference of the Congregational and Christian churches and ministers the following:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name.—This Ecclesiastical Organization shall be called The Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference.

ARTICLE II

Object.—The object of this Conference shall be as stated in the Articles of Association. It will aim to promote Christian fellowship among its members; to obtain and disseminate information relative to the churches throughout the State, our country and the world; and by prayers, counsels and faithful efforts, to advance the cause of truth and holiness, but it shall exercise no ecclesiastical control or authority over the churches and ministers belonging to it.

ARTICLE III

Membership.—SECTION 1. The membership of this Conference shall be set forth in the Articles of Association.

SEC. 2. Any member of full legal age of any Congregational or Christian church connected with a local association in the State shall be eligible to election to any office in the Conference.

ARTICLE IV

Officers.—SECTION 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, scribe, and auditor, all of whom shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected annually by ballot, and assistant scribe chosen viva voce at each meeting. There shall also, be a registrar and a treasurer. The offices of state superintendent and registrar shall be combined without additional compensation to the superintendent. The treasurer shall be appointed by the trustees at their meeting next preceding the annual meeting of the Conference, and subject to confirmation by the conference.

Duties of Officers.—SEC. 2. (1) The duties of moderator, assistant moderator, scribe and auditor shall be such as usually pertain to these offices.

(2) It shall be the duty of the registrar to keep a true record of all meetings and transactions of the Conference; to give due notice of the time and place of each meeting; to furnish churches with schedules for annual reports; to receive and distribute all schedules of statistics, programs and year books; to superintend the publishing of the minutes, and such other printing connected with his department as the Conference may order. He shall furnish the Conference, the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, and the local associations any information required by them on all matters relating to his department. For these services he shall receive such compensation as the trustees shall direct.

(3) The registrar of each local association shall be requested by conference with the advisory committee of that association, or by correspondence with the churches, to gather and send to the registrar of this Conference, after the meeting of the local association next preceding the meeting of this Conference, such a statement of the facts regarding the progress of the churches and the methods of their life and work as he may be able to gather, and the registrar shall, from these statements and from other available sources, present to the Conference such a general view of methods, of efforts and of progress, or the contrary, as he shall judge best fitted to stimulate the life and work of the churches of the State.

(4) The treasurer shall receive all moneys, shall be the custodian of all funds, and shall disburse the same upon the order of the Board of Trustees or their Executive Committee. He shall make an annual report of his doings to the Conference, accompanied by the auditor's certificate of the correctness of his accounts. He shall also give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as the Board of Trustees shall require and his compensation shall be determined by vote of the trustees.

ARTICLE V

Meetings.—The annual meeting of this Conference shall be held at such place as shall have been selected at the previous meeting, and shall begin on the third Tuesday of May, at 7 30 p. m., and continue to such hour as the Business Committee may determine. If any exigency shall arise, which, in the unanimous opinion of the moderator, registrar and scribe, requires a special meeting of this body, or change in either the time or place of the annual meeting thereof, it shall be competent for these officers to call such special meeting, or to make such change upon giving thirty days' notice to the clerks of the churches and to the ministerial members. Notice of a special meeting must state its purpose.

ARTICLE VI

Quorum.—~~Thirty-five~~ members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII

Trustees.—The number, method of election, powers and duties of the trustees shall be as prescribed in the articles of association of the Conference. They shall also have power to appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Conference, a Superintendent, who shall not be a member of the board, and who shall hold office during the pleasure of the board, but not for more than one year upon one appointment. The Board of Trustees or their Executive Committee shall also have power to fill any vacancy in

any of the offices or committees of the Conference until the next annual meeting of the Conference.

It shall also be the function of this board to act as a consulting body and bureau of information in regard to all of the Congregational interests of the State; to co-operate with and supplement the work of the advisory committees in the local associations; to gather and keep on file all available information in regard to churches and ministers; to advise in matters submitted to them by the local associations their advisory or other committees, or by the churches and ministers; and in general, to unify and strengthen the churches, to elevate the standard of the ministry, and to promote the spirit of Christian fellowship. *Provided*, that in no way shall their action limit or interfere with the rights and liberties of the local churches.

It shall also be the duty of this board to keep in close touch with Christian institutions of learning, and to seek, by active measures, to inspire and promote to our churches, schools and homes, the gathering of worthy and competent recruits for the ministry.

ARTICLE VIII

Superintendent.—A superintendent shall be appointed by the Trustees, at their meeting next preceding the annual meeting of the Conference, and subject to confirmation by the Conference, who shall have general oversight and direction of the work in the State, modified and restricted only by the powers given to the Trustees or their Executive Committee and such rules as they may adopt. The superintendent shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the Trustees, subject to the approval of the Conference.

ARTICLE IX

Committees.—SECTION 1. There shall be elected a Business Committee of six, three of whom shall serve for two years, three for one year, and thereafter three shall be chosen annually for a term of two years. One of the committee shall be the minister of the church with which the Conference votes next to meet. It shall be the duty of this Committee to arrange for and prepare a program and order of business for all meetings to be held by the Conference, and place a docket of the same in the hands of the moderator. Any member may introduce items of business but all business not previously submitted to the Business Committee shall be referred to this committee to be reported on before final adjournment.

SEC. 2. There shall be a Nominating Committee of four, to be elected by ballot, two to serve two years, two to serve one year, and thereafter two to be chosen annually for a term of two years, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for, and to keep a record of all the nominations confirmed by the Conference in a book to be provided by the registrar.

SEC. 3. An Obituary Committee of three shall be chosen annually, who shall make a fit report to this Conference of the service of those ministers who at their death were, or long had been, members of the body, and such lay members who had rendered conspicuous service to our churches.

SEC. 4. Such other committees as may be needed shall be appointed by the Conference or by the Board of Trustees, and any member of full legal age of any Congregational or Christian church within the State shall be eligible for such service.

ARTICLE X

General Council.—This Conference appreciating the fellowship of the churches, and the need of comprehensive plans for advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom, will be represented by delegates in the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments.—This constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice shall have been given at the previous annual meeting, designating the subject and articles to be affected.

BY-LAWS

1. *Organization.*—The annual meeting shall be opened by the moderator or assistant, or, in their absence, the registrar or the minister of the church with which the Conference meets shall call the members to order, and shall preside until a moderator pro tem is chosen. Wednesday morning the Conference shall be organized by making a roll of members and electing scribes for the meeting. The moderator and assistant moderator shall be elected at this session and shall serve through the year and until their successors are elected.

2. *Roll.*—On the first evening of the meeting the registrar shall circulate and collect cards on which the ministers and delegates entitled to membership shall write their names, together with the names, respectively of their church and local associations. The registrar shall, from these cards, complete the roll and report such early the next day.

3. *Advisory Members.*—Only the business committee shall propose the names of advisory members.

4. *Conduct of Business.*—(1) Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer. The minutes shall be read for approval on the morning of each day and at the close of the meeting.

(2) The usage of like deliberative bodies shall be observed in the conduct of business, except as otherwise provided.

(3) When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, yeas and nays, or the previous question, viz.: SHALL THE MAIN QUESTION NOW BE PUT? and these motions, except for amendment, shall not be debated.

(4) In debate, no member, without leave of the body, shall speak more than ten minutes, nor more than once while others wish to occupy the floor.

5. *Apportionment.*—It is recommended that each local association pay, through its registrar to the treasurer of this Conference, at its annual meeting, whatever money may remain unpaid, of the amount apportioned to the churches of such association.

6. *Committees.*—Members of committees holding over from year to year shall be ex-officio members of the Conference during their term of office.

7. *Delegates to the General Council.*—In accord with the rules of the General Council and by Resolution adopted at the 100th Annual Meeting of the Conference, Michigan delegates to General Council shall be chosen as follows:

(a) *Delegates-at-Large.*—Each State or District Conference or Convention shall be entitled to one delegate-at-large for the first full 5,000 members, and also one additional at large for each successive 5,000 members or major fraction thereof.

The superintendent, minister, or chief executive officer of each Conference or Convention shall be ex-officio a delegate to the General Council meetings and convener of his delegation.

(b) *Unit Delegates.*—The churches within each Association (or corresponding body) in each State or District Conference or Convention shall be grouped by the said Conference or Convention into units of not fewer than 1,000 members each. One delegate shall be nominated by each unit from

among its own members, which nominee shall be elected by the Association. The delegate from each unit shall be expected to report the findings and proceedings of the General Council meetings to the church or churches of his unit. If an Association has fewer than 1,000 members it may be joined with an adjacent Association in forming units, provided however, that if a Conference or Convention finds it impracticable to join an Association having a membership of more than 500 but fewer than 1,000 to another Association, it may provide that such Association may elect one delegate.

No delegate shall be seated as a unit delegate unless such delegate is a member of a church within that particular unit. Each unit may nominate as many alternates from the same classification as it may desire, but no alternate shall have any official standing unless the regularly elected delegate fails to register at the General Council meeting within 24 hours after the Council convenes and such alternate is elected by the Conference delegation to replace said delegate.

Not more than one member from any one church shall be seated as a unit delegate at any one Council meeting. Delegates-at-large, State Superintendents, Secretaries of the Council, representatives of colleges and seminaries, and others having standing ex officio in the Council are not regarded as unit delegates.

(c) Each State or District Conference or Convention shall determine by vote at its annual meeting the method of nomination and election of its own delegates-at-large. Each unit shall nominate alternately a lay person and a minister as a delegate to each General Council meeting.

(d) Any delegate who shall remove his residence from the geographical bounds of the conference, association or unit, by which he has been elected to the Council shall be deemed by the fact of that removal to have resigned his membership in the Council, and the conference, association or unit, as the case may be, may proceed to fill the unexpired term by election.

8. *Roll to Be Furnished Nominating Committee.*—It shall be the duty of the registrar, early in the session of the body, to furnish the nominating committee a copy of the roll of members.

9. *The fiscal year* of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall begin on the first day of January and shall coincide with the calendar year. Provided, however, that this by-law shall not be understood to affect in any manner the time of holding the annual meeting, or of the election of officers, or of the beginning or ending of the term for which officers are elected.

10. *Suspension of Rules.*—Any of these rules, except the eleventh, may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

11. *Amendment of Rules.*—Any motion to amend or repeal any rule of this body may be read on two different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: SHALL IT BE READ A SECOND TIME?

RESOLUTION

Resolution adopted at the annual meeting May 19-20, 1909: That the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees be held as a stated policy on the opening day of the meeting of the state conference for consideration and for action upon such matters as shall require attention.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association and the Constitution of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference it is recommended to the churches and local associations that provision be made for the appointment of local advisory committees in the associations to act in conjunction with the trustees of the state body; it is also recommended that provisions be made according to specifications given herewith for the examination, licensure and ordination of candidates for the ministry.

These recommendations pertain first to the appointment of local association advisory committees. It is recommended:

I. That each local association appoint a committee to be called the Advisory Committee, consisting of five members, of which the moderator and registrar of the association shall be members *ex officio*, and three other members, to be elected at the annual meeting, as follows: At the first election one member to be elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years; and thereafter one to be elected each year to serve three years. It is urged that special care be taken to secure the most competent membership for the committee.

II. The functions of this committee to be—

1. To know the churches and ministers within the bounds of the association, their character, needs, and conditions, and to keep a record of the same corrected to date and filed with the registrar.

2. To hold itself in readiness at all times to assist, inform, advise, and suggest, upon request, in cases where a change of pastorate, the organization of a church, the consolidation of fields or other exigencies affecting the common welfare of our churches, may call for such action.

3. To be in active and constant communication with the Board of Trustees of the state conference; filing with it its local information; gathering from its larger files wider information; reporting to it at once any changes in fields or men; making investigation at its request, and aiding in all possible ways its effort to know Congregational life.

4. To act in conjunction with the pastor of the church where a meeting of the association is to be held, as the program committee; with a view to suggesting, from its knowledge of the field, vital and practical topics, presenting plans of progress or extension, and increasing the interest among both clerical and lay members of our churches, in the meetings and work of the association.

5. To be the Missionary Committee of the association.

These recommendations pertain second, to ordination and examination on the course of study.

I. Inasmuch as under our present system ministerial standing vests in the local association, it is recommended that to the same body be accorded the function of passing, after due examination, upon the credentials and fitness of candidates for ordination. It is suggested that the procedure be as follows:

1. A church seeking to induct into its pastorate a man who has not been ordained, may present the candidate for examination at a meeting of the local association with which the church is connected; notice of such intention having been previously given to the registrar and printed on the program of the association meeting.

2. The said association to examine the candidate thus presented in regard to his intellectual, moral and spiritual fitness for the ministry,

and if approved, to present a certificate of such approval to him and to the church presenting him.

3. Upon the basis of such certificate the church to proceed, either then or thereafter; to the ordination of the candidate through a council of fellowship; the same being either the association or a group of churches elected by the church and the candidate.

II. Inasmuch as this conference has provided a course of study for those applicants for ordination who have not received collegiate and seminary education, it is recommended that, for the sake of uniformity, the examination of candidates on this course of study be conducted by a committee of the state conference; and that the certificate of said committee that he has completed this course satisfactorily shall be required in all such cases by the local associations before it proceeds to his examination for ordination.

Resolution Adopted at the Annual Meeting May 16, 18, 1911

That the committee on examination and course of study be instructed to hold the examination of licentiates on the opening day of the conference.

CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY**Revised****GROUP I****For Study**

- "Our Recovery of Jesus"—W. E. Bundy
- "The Religion of Jesus"—W. E. Bundy
- "Concerning the Ministry"—John Oman
- "The Preparation and Delivery of Sermons"—Carl S. Patton
- "Beliefs That Matter"—W. A. Brown
- "The Story of the Bible"—E. J. Goodspeed

For Reading

- "A Faith for Today"—H. F. Rall
- "The Minister's Job"—A. W. Palmer
- "Pastoral Psychology"—Karl R. Stolz
- "A Guide to Understanding the Bible"—H. E. Fosdick

For Reference

- "The Abingdon Bible Commentary"

GROUP II**For Study**

- "The Life of Paul"—B. W. Robinson
- "St. Paul"—A. D. Neck
- "How Shall I Learn to Teach Religion"—B. Carrier
- "Outlines of Christian Theology"—W. A. Brown
- "The World and God"—H. H. Farmer
- "Church Work with Young People"—H. T. Stock

For Reading

- "The Mind of Christ in Paul"—F. C. Porter
- "Character and Christian Education"—Stewart Cole
- "Pathways to the Reality of God"—R. M. Jones
- "Prayer and Worship"—D. V. Steere
- "The Use of the Bible in Preaching"—Carl S. Patton

For Reference

- A one volume Dictionary of the Bible, either the Standard or Hastings

GROUP III**For Study**

- "Outlines of Christian Theology"—W. A. Brown
- "The Gospel, the Church and Society"—F. L. Fagley
- "The Psychology of Religion"—G. A. Coe
- "Social Salvation"—John C. Bennett
- "Preaching Values in the O. T."—H. E. Luccock
- "Preaching Values in the N. T."—H. E. Luccock

For Reading

- *"A Working Faith for the World"—H. V. White
- *"A History of Christian Thought," 2 Vols.—A. C. McGiffert
- *"Makers of Christianity," 3 Vols.—Ease, McNeill, Sweet
- "God and the Common Life"—R. L. Calhoun
- (*I feel there should be a work on church history and history of the doctrine.)

For Reference

- "Cruden's Concordance of the Bible"
- "Book of Church Services"—The Pilgrim Press
- "Social Action" (Magazine)

**MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED THIRD ANNUAL MEETING**
of the
**MICHIGAN CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL-
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

**Held at Plymouth Church, Lansing, Michigan
May 16, 17, 1945**

The One Hundred Third Meeting of the Michigan Conference of Congregational-Christian Churches opened at the Plymouth Congregational Church at 11:00 o'clock, Wednesday morning, May 16, 1945, with the Rev. Nathaniel Skidmore, Moderator, presiding.

The session was opened with Mr. Robert McGill, Minister of Music at Plymouth Church, at the organ. The Conference Chaplain, the Rev. Roger Eddy Treat, D.D., of Bushnell Church, Detroit, led the service of worship and spoke on the theme, "In Someone's Debt." The Conference was then called to order by the Moderator.

The Rev. Russell E. Myers was elected Scribe and Miss Kathryn Lohr, Assistant Scribe.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the One Hundred Second Annual Meeting be accepted and placed on record as printed.

The Rev. E. E. Hoats, Chairman of the Business Committee, moved that the program as printed be adopted, except as such changes might become necessary to expedite the Conference sessions. The motion was seconded, and carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the following be made corresponding members:

Dr. A. D. Stauffacher
Harold E. Fey
Dr. Frank C. Laubach

Dr. Robert Stanger
F. H. Rupnow

Harold N. Skidmore, Superintendent of the Conference, explained the plan of the Conference Annual Meeting this year as being arranged so as to conform to the regulations and permit granted by the ODT.

The Conference resolved itself into the Michigan Home Missionary Society (see Minutes on page 32).

The Conference again reported in session, and there being no further business for the morning, it was adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Christian Education luncheon was held at the Central Methodist Church with the Rev. Paul H. Clark presiding. Brief talks were made by the Directors of the Summer Conferences, and the members of the Board of Christian Education were introduced.

At 2:00 the Conference listened to talks by the Rev. Donald Evans, "Christian Education in Michigan"; the Rev. Oscar Bollman, "New

Developments in Visual Education"; and the Rev. Kearney Kirkby, "Week-day Religious Education."

The Conference was again in business session, and Dr. Howard A. Blanning of Benton Harbor introduced the new ministers who have come into the state in the last year. They are as follows:

Entering the Fellowship

James S. Caskey, Fairbault, Minn., to Detroit Boulevard
 Oviatt E. Desmond, Rockport, Mass., to Assistant Battle Creek
 Clarence W. Hilliker, Middleton, N. Y., to Watervliet
 Charles M. Houser, Fort Wayne, Ind., to Grand Rapids East
 F. Erwin Hyde, Chaplaincy, to Royal Oak
 E. B. Kaitschuck, to Constantine
 Robert C. Kemper, Alton, Ill., to St. Joseph
 Carl R. Key, Cleveland, Ohio, to Associate Detroit Bushnell
 John D. Rose, Ohio, to Associate Detroit North
 George W. Shepherd, by arrangement with American Board, to Detroit Highland Park
 Wm. T. Watson, to New Haven and New Baltimore
 Marshall Rector, to Pittsford
 Virgil Allard, to Dexter
 Benjamin I. Davies, Licentiate, to Portland
 Karl W. Wildt, Licentiate, to Thompsonville

From other denominations:

W. E. Cole, Second Unitarian, Boston, to Detroit First
 Merritt D. Fruer, to Perry
 George Lomas, United Brethren, to Frankfort
 Robert Van Meigs, Baptist, to Interim Shelby

The report of the Conference Treasurer was presented in mimeographed form by Mr. E. E. Harris. The Rev. C. F. Badder spoke briefly concerning the Unit Plan as it affected the Treasurer's Report, and the need for Michigan Churches to meet their share of the Unit Plan. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. (See Exhibit II.)

It was moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. E. E. Harris, the Conference Treasurer, for his work. Seconded, carried.

The preliminary report of the Nominating Committee was made by the Rev. S. C. Parsons, nominating the members of the Board of Trustees. It was moved that the nominations for the Board of Trustees be closed and that the Scribe be directed to cast a unanimous ballot; seconded, carried. (See list at end of this report.)

The report of the Conference Superintendent was then given by Dr. Harold N. Skidmore. It was moved to adopt the report, seconded, and carried. (See Exhibit I.)

At 4:15 the Conference listened to a speech entitled "Can Protestant Culture Survive?" by Mr. Harold E. Fey of the staff of the Christian Century.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Youth-Adult banquet was held in the parlors of Plymouth Church with Mr. Reed Parker, President of the Michigan Pilgrim Fellowship, presiding. President Malcolm Boyd Dana of Olivet College addressed the Conference upon the subject, "A Christian Philosophy for Youth."

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with Mr. Robert McGill at the organ. The Rev. Roger Eddy Treat led the worship service and spoke upon the subject, "Ye Are Not Your Own."

The Nominating Committee completed its report of nominees for all the officers and committees of the Conference. (See list at end of this report.) It was moved that the officers be elected by oral vote, seconded, carried. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Scribe cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees as listed.

The Report of the Board of Trustees was presented by Mrs. Reuben Moore, with recommendations that Harold N. Skidmore be re-elected Superintendent, Mrs. E. E. Harris be re-elected Treasurer, and Mrs. Fay R. Stokes be re-elected Assistant Treasurer. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report be adopted, with its recommendations, and that the persons named be declared elected. (See Exhibit III.)

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Conference give a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Moore for her six years of service on the Board of Trustees.

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by the Rev. Norman Woon. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report be adopted. (See Exhibit IX.)

It was moved that the Conference hear a resolution to be presented by Dr. H. R. Hunt of the Zoology Department of the Michigan State College. The motion was seconded, and then amended that we give Dr. Hunt five minutes time. The amendment was seconded, and carried. The motion, as amended, was carried. Dr. Hunt presented some facts concerning the failure of compulsory military training to prevent wars or reduce the number of casualties.

The Rev. E. E. Hoats read a resolution submitted to the Business Committee by the Women's Fellowship.

Whereas, The National Boards of the denomination select one-third of their directors from the constituency of women; and

Whereas, Laywomen are usually well informed of the Educational, Promotional and Benevolence programs of the denomination, it is recommended that one-third of the Board of Trustees (or Official Board) of the local Church, be chosen from the women of the membership of the Church.

This recommendation comes from the Executive Board of the Women's Fellowship of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference.

Clara Parkhurst, Secretary.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the resolution be tabled until the afternoon session.

The Conference listened to a speech by Dr. A. D. Stauffacher entitled, "Congregationalists Face a Postwar Task"; and an address by Dr. Harold N. Skidmore, "Michigan Congregationalists Alerted."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Separate luncheons for women and men were held, with Mrs. David Elliott presiding at the women's session, and Mr. Ray Johnston at the men's. The program for the women's session consisted of devotions, led by Mrs. Harold N. Skidmore; a symposium, "Women's Imperatives,"

and a speech by Dr. Frank C. Laubach, "Women's Share in the New World." The ministers and laymen separated for business meetings, and then rejoined to discuss under the guidance of Dr. A. D. Stauffacher, "Michigan and the Postwar Plan."

The Conference re-assembled and the resolution presented in the morning was taken from the table and discussed. It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. The vote was taken by a show of hands, and the resolution was carried.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life was presented by the Rev. A. A. Nelson. It was moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the report. (See Exhibit X.)

The report of the Social Relations Committee was presented by the Rev. Robert Burtt. It was moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the report. (See Exhibit VII.)

The Service Committee report was read by Mrs. L. R. Martin of Detroit. It was moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the report. (See Exhibit VIII.)

The matter of the meeting place for the next Conference came up for discussion. No invitations were presented at this time and it was moved, seconded, and carried that the matter be referred to the Business Committee with power to act.

It was moved by Mr. Hoats that the Conference stand adjourned, sine die, at the close of the evening session, and that the Scribe be authorized to complete the minutes and forward them to the Registrar. Seconded, and carried.

Banquet Session

The Conference banquet was held in the Central Methodist Church with Mrs. Reuben Moore presiding. The Rev. F. H. Rupnow, of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church of Lansing, brought greetings to the Conference from his denomination. The Children's Choirs of the Plymouth Church presented several numbers under the direction of Mr. Robert McGill. Dr. Frank C. Laubach, Missionary Extraordinary to the Philippine Islands, gave a moving address concerning mass education.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL E. MYERS, Scribe.

KATHRYN LOHR, Assistant Scribe.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Board of Directors

Grand Rapids Association—Mr. Henry Healey, for three years.
 Jackson Association—Rev. Wm. H. Skentelbury, for three years.
 Kalamazoo Association—Rev. Lawrence E. Tenhopen, for three years.
 Muskegon Association—Mrs. Monroe Hawley, for three years.
 Sault Ste. Marie Association—Mrs. Wesley Smart, for three years.
 Member-at-Large—Miss Fannie Beal, for three years.
 Member-at-Large—Mr. Fred Marin, for three years.
 Member-at-Large—Mrs. L. R. Martin, for three years.

Moderator—Rev. Gordon C. Speer.
Assistant Moderator—Mr. Fred Gunn.

Midwest Regional Committee

Rev. A. M. Meikle, for three years.

Business Committee

Mrs. Reuben R. Moore, for two years; Pastor and Women's President of Entertaining Church.

Nominating Committee

Rev. Norman Woon, Rev. E. Richard Evans, for two years.

Board of Christian Education

Rev. Paul H. Clark, Mrs. E. L. Martin, Rev. Dale Turner, for three years.

Board of Directors, Michigan Council of Churches

Mr. George E. Butterfield, Rev. John D. Perrin, Rev. Dale Turner, Miss Winona Arrick.

Committee on Examination and Course of Study

Rev. Howard A. Blanning, Rev. Leonard A. Parr, Rev. Gordon C. Speer.

Resolutions Committee

Rev. Robert Barksdale, Rev. H. B. Fairman, Rev. Russell E. Myers (three-year term).

Committee on Social Relations

Rev. Robert E. Burt, Rev. Charles W. Scheid, Rev. George E. Drew, Dr. George W. Shepherd, Mrs. Howard B. Holden, Rev. Walter Jackson, and the Social Action Chairman of the Women's Fellowship, and the Social Action Chairman of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life

Rev. A. A. Nelson, Rev. Gordon C. Speer, Rev. Thomas Vernon, Mr. Ray B. Johnston, Rev. Robert Barksdale, Rev. Norman Woon (one-year term).

Bureau of Pastoral Supply

Dr. St. Clare Parsons (three-year term).

Board of Trustees of Peoples Church

Dr. Harold Skidmore, Superintendent.

Board of Trustees of Christian Student Foundation

Rev. Ward K. Klopp, Durand.

Seminary Visitor

Rev. Don De Coursey.

S. C. PARSONS,
S. N. OLIVER,
EARL COLLINS,
Committee.

MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY**Articles of Association**

ARTICLE I

The name assumed by this corporation, and by which it shall be known in law, is the Michigan Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II

The object of this society shall be to promote the organization of Congregational churches in Michigan, to aid churches in the support of their local ministry and work, to cooperate with the national Congregational Home Missionary Society in the cause of missions in other states and territories, and to diffuse Christian knowledge within this state by missionaries, publication and such other means, agencies and instrumentalities as may be necessary therefor.

ARTICLE III

The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the Thursday next after the third Tuesday of May in each year, at the hour of nine o'clock a. m., at the place where the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall be held. If any exigency arise which necessitates a change in the time of the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference the date of the annual meeting of this society may, by vote of the officers, upon due notice, be changed to correspond with that of the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference.

ARTICLE IV

The trustees of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall be *ex-officio* the trustees of the said society and shall have in relation to the business, funds and all other interests of said society the same powers, rights and duties, which are given them as trustees of said Michigan Congregational Conference.

The annual meeting of the trustees shall be held at the time of, or immediately after the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference, and eleven members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Said board shall receive, hold, control, invest, reinvest and expend all moneys or property given or bequeathed in trust or otherwise to the Michigan Home Missionary Society and shall apply the same, or the proceeds thereof, to the work of said society or to such branch thereof as may be designated in the will or bequest of the donors: *Provided*, however, That the society may make such application through the agency of the board of trustees of the Michigan Congregational Conference and its agencies, if in their judgment it shall seem desirable so to do. Said board of trustees or the executive committee thereof may be made the agents of the board of trustees of the Michigan Home Missionary Society for the purpose of making such application, with such powers in relation thereto as may be granted by the board of trustees of said society.

ARTICLE V

The membership of this society shall consist of the members of the Michigan Congregational Conference, and of life members, to be elected or appointed in such manner as this society may hereafter provide, and also of nine delegates from the Woman's Home Missionary Union, to be elected annually by that body.

ARTICLE VI

Twenty-five members of the society present at any meeting legally assembled shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

ARTICLE VII

Said corporation may hold real and personal property not to exceed in value the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the prosecution in the State of Michigan of Christian work as indicated in Article II of the constitution, by missionaries, publications and such other means, agencies, and instrumentalities as may be necessary therefor.

Said Michigan Home Missionary Society shall have power to receive and execute trusts for the general purposes of said society, and may receive, hold, invest, reinvest and expend all money and other property given or bequeathed in trust or otherwise to the said Michigan Home Missionary Society, and shall execute said trusts for the general purposes of the said corporation within the meaning of the acts under which the same is incorporated in accordance with the terms and conditions of said trusts.

ARTICLE VIII

The term of existence of this corporation is fixed at thirty years from the date thereof.

Done at Olivet, Michigan, June 13, 1895.

Amended at Lansing, Michigan, May 21, 1908.

Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Michigan Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II

The object of this society shall be to promote the organization of Congregational churches in Michigan, to aid churches in the support of their local ministry and work, and to cooperate with all the benevolent organizations of the church and especially with the Michigan Congregational Conference in the cause of missions in other states and territories.

ARTICLE III

The membership of this society shall consist of the members of the Michigan Congregational Conference and of life members, and also nine delegates from the Women's Home Missionary Union, to be elected annually by that body.

Any member of any Congregational church in this state may become a life member of this society upon the payment to the society in his behalf of the sum of thirty dollars, and an election to such membership by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of this society; it being provided that in connection with the gifts of churches, life membership is to be conferred only upon such persons as have been elected to this honor by the contributing churches; such election to be properly certified to the treasurer of this society.

Any member of any Congregational church in this state shall be eligible to election to any office in this society.

ARTICLE IV

The officers of this society shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the society and shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Said officers shall furnish the board of trustees with any information required by them on all matters relating to their respective departments, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to these offices.

ARTICLE V

The annual meeting of this society shall be held on the Thursday next after the third Tuesday of May in each year, at the place where the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall be held.

Special meetings may be called whenever, in the unanimous opinion of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, the interests of the society so demand.

ARTICLE VI

Twenty-five members of the society, present at any meeting legally assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII

The trustees of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall be *ex-officiis* the trustees of this society. Their powers and duties shall be the same with reference to this society, the conduct of its affairs and the administration of its property and interests as defined for the trustees of the said Congregational Conference in the constitution and by-laws thereof.

ARTICLE VIII

The society may, from time to time, adopt such rules as may be necessary for the dispatch of business.

ARTICLE IX

The constitution and by-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the intended change or amendment shall have been proposed in substance at the previous meeting.

BY-LAWS

The fiscal year of this society shall close at the same time as the fiscal year of the Michigan Congregational Conference.

MINUTES OF THE MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Michigan Home Missionary Society was called to order by its president, the Rev. L. M. Isaacs, D.D., of Gaylord, May 16, 1945, at 11:30 a.m. Motion was made that the Scribe of the Conference be Scribe of the Society. Motion carried. It was voted that the Nominating Committee of the Conference be chosen Nominating Committee for the Missionary Society. The motion carried. Nominations were presented. It was voted that the Scribe cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees.

President—Rev. Clark G. Adams, Atlanta
Vice-President—Rev. C. Floyd Wright, New Troy
Secretary—Superintendent of the Conference
Treasurer—Treasurer of the Conference
Scribe—Scribe of the Conference

The following resolution was introduced by the Rev. E. E. Hoats and upon his motion adopted by a unanimous vote:

"Be it Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Congregational-Christian Conference and/or its Executive Committee, are hereby appointed the agents of the Michigan Home Missionary Society for the purpose of applying the funds of this Society to the purpose designated by the donors thereof and/or to any other work of the Society, as, in their judgment and direction may be for the best interest of the work; and further

"That the Superintendent of the said Michigan Congregational Conference be given power of attorney, with authority to act for this Society in all necessary business and legal transactions."

Upon motion of Mr. Hoats the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Home Missionary Society was adjourned.

CLARK G. ADAMS, President.
RUSSELL E. MYERS, Scribe.

(EXHIBIT I)**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
AND REGISTRAR**

Since your Superintendent is to speak at a later time concerning future programs, this can be limited to a report of activities within the Conference since last Annual Meeting. We follow the custom of other years in beginning with a statistical report which is compiled from information on the Year Book reports as sent us by church clerks. We shall be grateful for any corrections which may be made in the statement of facts as we have them.

MINISTERIAL RECORD**Entering the Fellowship**

These men have come into our Conference this past year. From our own denomination the following:

James S. Caskey, Fairbault, Minn., to Detroit Boulevard
Oviatt E. Desmond, Rockport, Mass., to Assistant Battle Creek
Clarence W. Hilliker, Middletown, N. Y., to Watervliet
Charles M. Houser, Fort Wayne, Ind., to Grand Rapids East
F. Ervin Hyde, Chaplancy, to Royal Oak
E. B. Kaitschuck, to Constantine
Robert C. Kemper, Alton, Ill., to St. Joseph
Carl R. Key, Cleveland, Ohio, to Associate Detroit Bushnell
John D. Rose, Ohio, to Associate Detroit North
George W. Shepherd, by arrangement with American Board, to
Detroit Highland Park
Wm. T. Watson, to New Haven and New Baltimore
Marshall Rector, to Pittsford
Virgil Allard, to Dexter
Benjamin I. Davies, Licentiate, to Portland
Karl W. Wildt, Licentiate, to Thompsonville

The following from other denominations:

W. E. Cole, Second Unitarian, Boston, to Detroit First
Merritt D. Fruer, to Perry
George Lomas, United Brethren, to Frankfort
Robert Van Meigs, Baptist, to Interim Shelby

Loss by Death

Edwyn M. Evans	Frank Mitchell
Charles W. Jones	Clement J. Strang
Matthew Kelley	

Loss by Removal

Arthur Anderson, Crystal
O. B. Ansted, Kalkaska
W. E. Baker, Litchfield

James R. Cullen, Constantine
 Albert Derbyshire, Detroit
 Griffith Evans, Thompsonville, retired
 Myron L. Gess, Clarksville
 Clarence B. Gould, Britton, to Warsaw, N. Y.
 Wm. D. Gray, Portland, to Louisiana
 Ray M. Hardy, Dundee, to business
 Rex O. Holman, Owosso, to Director of Veterans Affairs
 George E. Hughes, Harrison, to business
 H. A. Kartoian, Detroit Armenian, to San Francisco, Calif.
 Gerald E. Maggart, St. Joseph, to Kansas City, Mo.
 John D. McLucas, Pinckney, to Methodist Church, Brighton
 James C. Mead, Pontiac, to Friends' Service Committee
 Robert Nicholas, Roscommon-Luzerne, to Washington
 Wm. C. Osborn, Honor, retired
 Warren W. Pickett, Detroit First, to New Haven, Conn.
 Fred Pinch, Newaygo, retired
 Ozro E. Priest, Clinton, to business
 Henry L. Rust, Ada, Belding, Bostwick Lake Parish, to Baxter, Iowa
 Lawrence Williams, Perry, to Michigan Center
 John W. Winger, Lake Odessa, to Ohio

Ordination

Marshall Rector

Summary

Congregational pastors serving Michigan churches	126
Members other denominations serving Michigan churches	39
Total.....	163
Ministerial members, not pastors	77

Church Record

Churches dropped—Johannesburg	
Yoked fields (involving 64 churches)	28
Churches without pastors as of May 10	13

Membership

Accessions for the year 1944	3,985
Losses	2,494
Net gain	1,491
Total membership January 1, 1945	53,655
Average attendance (116 churches reporting)	123

Church Schools

Membership January 1, 1945 (Loss of 1,884 during year)	24,639
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Financial Record

Home Expenses (203 churches reporting)	\$925,364
Apportionment giving (204 churches reporting)	96,699
(which includes \$13,681 unbudgeted gifts)	
Other gifts (188 churches reporting)	68,077
Average salary (155 churches reporting)	2,408
(\$208 more than in 1943)	

Legacies

Thirteen legacies totaling \$22,561:

Ann Arbor	\$6,014	Lake Odessa	\$ 200
Big Rapids	125	Ludington	8,000
Calumet	104	Manistee	100
Constantine	100	Olivet	1,000
Detroit First	2,325	Owosso	100
Grand Rapids Park	3,650	Port Huron Sturges	700
Homestead	143		

THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES

The problem of finding pastors for churches is more complex than even a year ago. Your Superintendent is fearful that it will grow to be much more serious for the next several years. Fewer men are reaching the Seminaries; many are retiring. It is our opinion that for the next several years we shall be facing a shortage of between twelve and twenty ministers for Michigan parishes. By the above statistics it can be noted that fifteen men have come to Michigan from out of the state, and four from other denominations. Ministers have been called to forty-two churches, in thirty-seven parishes, since our last meeting. Meantime, eighteen men have changed parishes within the state during the year, as over against four last year. These are as follows:

Lawrence O. Johnson, Bangor, to Coloma
 Donald R. Evans, Charlevoix-Ironton, to State Conference
 A. Reginald Gold, Cheboygan, to Lakeview and Six Lakes
 Horace B. Loomis, Coloma, to Fremont
 Charles W. Goudey, East Grand Rapids, to Brewster-Pilgrim, Detroit
 Russell Denison, Associate Detroit First, to Owosso
 Ralph P. Clagget, Highland Park, to Pontiac
 Victor F. Brown, Port Huron Ross and Sturges, to Eaton Rapids
 Walter M. Swann, Grandville, to Grant
 Harold Watson, Clare, to include Harrison
 Donald Brady, Richmond, to Jackson Plymouth and Sandstone
 Thomas Ainslie, Homestead, to include Honor
 Philip Gregory, Traverse City Oak Park, to Kalkaska
 A. L. Allard, Lakeview-Six Lakes, to Pinckney
 Clarence Oberlin, Rochester, to Muskegon McGraft
 Brooks A. Warren, New Haven-New Baltimore, to Richmond-Columbus
 Thomas E. Bennett, Pittsford, to Traverse City Oak Park
 Robert Burgess, Watervliet, to Rochester

Our losses from pastorates in the state are again very high with twenty-two. Of these, fourteen have gone to churches outside this Con-

ference; seven to business or related professional work, and three have retired. By death five are lost from Conference rolls, though none of these were in the active pastorate. These many changes reflect the exceedingly difficult problem of keeping our churches with proper leadership. The vacant parishes as of May 10th, are as follows:

Bostwick Lake, Belding and Ada	Detroit Armenian
Bangor	Dundee
Britton	Grandville (supplied)
Charlevoix-Ironton	Lake Odessa
Cheboygan	Newaygo
Clarksville	Port Huron Ross and Sturges
Clinton	(supplied)

Membership

Michigan Congregationalism is growing, but indifferently. Final figures for 1944 show less growth than for 1943. Aggregate gains for 1944 were 3,985 (60 less than 1943) or a plus of 7%. Of these, 2,359 came on confession, and 1,626 by letter. However, our losses were great also, with removals divided, 638 by death, 827 by letter, and 829 by roll revision for a total of 2,494 which makes a net gain of but 1,491 (411 less than 1943) to bring total membership as of January 1, 1945, to 53,655.

Again we must report Church School losses to the extent of 1884 to make a total of 24,639 as against 26,223 at last report. This is smaller than it has been since 1883 when we had 263 churches with 17,509 members against today's 238 with 53,655 members.

Giving

Because there has been slight gains in general income both for local church work and for missions, we ought to realize that we are making no very striking gains in this department of church life. It is true that we are generally more comfortable financially than we were several years ago but our real judgment should be made on a view of how well we are meeting the challenge of our world.

Home expenses as reported by 203 churches reached \$925,364 or \$72,037 more than in 1943. This is per capita giving of \$17.24 as against \$16.36 for 1943, an increase for the home church of 88 cents a member which is an increase of giving by each one of us of about 1.7 cents per week.

What about Benevolences? Total apportionment giving has amounted to \$164,776 for Budgeted, Unbudgeted and Other Gifts. This is per capita giving for **all missions** of \$3.07 as against \$2.50 in 1943. In the totals the increase from \$129,818 to \$164,776 looks very good but in fact it is but about one cent per week per member increase for missions. Does it really mean that Michigan Congregationalists have grown in their ability to care about a Christian world, in terms of the mission of their church to the extent of just one cent a week? Let's break it down. From this total of \$164,776 there has been received \$83,018 for Budgeted Benevolences, the foundation work of our denomination in State Work, Home Boards and American Board.

For Unbudgeted Benevolences such as Unit Fund \$6,629.77, Ministerial Relief \$4,634, and other purposes a total of \$13,681. Finally, a large increase shows in "Other Gifts" to the amount of \$66,077. The biggest single item of this was War Victims and Services which reached

\$18,695.11. All this is good but we point out again that your State Conference shares only in Budgeted Benevolences as do the other regular agencies of the Home Boards and American Board, and while we must do something for special things we must also remember that gifts to Budgeted Benevolences must also increase, as the constructive and foundational aspect of denominational missionary endeavor.

At this point it is necessary to repeat, to keep before you, Michigan's plan of allowing each Church to set its own Missionary apportionment goal. To this date this year just about half of our churches have reported to the Conference the amount of set goals for 1945. It is asked that this be done as a cooperation which will make for better Conference administration. If you have not done so, will you report your 1945 Missionary goal to the Superintendent while you are here at this Conference.

The Developing Program

Financial Situation. This will be completely reported by the Treasurer and the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. It is good to report that the Conference has operated so as to report a more than usual balance. Some of this is caused by the fact that from April 1 to November 1 we had no one on the staff as Director of Christian Education. Increasing are the missionary opportunities and challenges to the Conference and our expenditures will demand the balances preserved.

Field Work. Brief survey of the work of the Superintendent reveals that he has preached 42 sermons, has made 40 addresses and has held 44 meetings in local churches in conference with Boards and Committees. In addition, visits have been made in all Associations, in some at both Fall and Spring meetings. The Superintendent has taught in the Adult Institute. The office continues to demand membership on the Board of Trustees of Peoples Church, the Board of Trustees of Olivet College, and the Executive Board of the Michigan Council. This year has also made heavy demands for National Work. Beginning with the meeting of the General Council in Grand Rapids where your Superintendent and our staff carried a full share of responsibility, we have gone on to membership on the Stewardship Commission of the General Council and to the Ad Interim Committee of the Missions Council. We have attended the Midwest Regional Meeting, the Midwinter meeting at Cleveland and one extra meeting of the Superintendent's Council in Chicago. The Superintendent has also conducted Schools of Churchmanship in several of our churches, and a one-week preaching mission.

Meantime, regular routines in the office must be maintained, and here great credit is due to our secretaries, Mrs. Stokes and Miss Lohr. Hundreds of letters must be written, plus regular mailings of material. The detail of administration of the corporate business of the Conference must be completed. Finally, time must be given to meetings of Conference Boards and Committees as well as for counselling with ministers, individuals and committees as they come to the State office.

Christian Education. On November 1, Rev. Donald R. Evans began work as Minister of Christian Education. He will make his own report. Before Mr. Evans began, our Summer Conference program was completed and a word must be spoken here for those many men and women who served to make the 1944 Summer Conference schedule one of the best ever. Without a Director on the Conference Staff these Confer-

ences were taken over by Rev. Frank Jensen. Rev. Erwin Britton, Rev. Oscar Bollman, Rev. Paul Clark and Rev. Donald Evans, each directing one Conference. We are deeply grateful to these leaders and their many helpers for the great service they rendered in this department.

Women's Fellowship. The Women's Fellowship has again had a most successful year under the leadership of Miss Frances Dunnette. The President of the Fellowship made the round of Fall Associations, and has given a great deal of time in travel to local churches. We do not presume to report for the Women's Department. However, we believe it should be noted that although the President of the Women's Fellowship is not a paid member of the Conference Staff she does a great deal of work voluntarily that might easily go unappreciated. One of the advances made has been in a more carefully coordinated program of the Women's Work with the total Conference project which is making for less duplication of effort and for more power behind the total work. The women of our churches have rallied in fine fashion behind the total missionary project, and have done a magnificent job in the department of Friendly Service, once called "White Cross."

Ministers, Churches and the War. While we have already spoken of ministers new to the fellowship, and of ministers gone from the fellowship, something should be said of the great part of our group which has gone on without change. We all recognize that we have a very grand fellowship of ministers in Michigan. Your Superintendent makes no secret of his ideal that holding a pastorate in Michigan shall be in itself recommendation enough. We hold ourselves to the highest standards of our profession. Still under the strains and stresses of the war situation our ministers are all working exceedingly hard, adding to the regular tasks of the profession, all sorts of added community service programs. What I said a year ago is as true today. "All our men are trying to deal seriously with the problems of our time and all are anxiously seeking to produce a true ministry of real religion." There are tensions and there are problems but we are Christian.

Our laymen are truly devoted to the Church. It is sometimes complained of us that we lack religious zeal, and sometimes it would appear that we do. But go into any community where we have a church and discover any good work being done there, and you will find Congregational laymen in it up to the hilt. We do take our church seriously in terms of going out from it into all phases of community good works with the ideals and point of view of Jesus Christ, as we have learned these in the Church.

The War is very much with us. Service flags or Honor rolls are more and more crowded and more and more the gold stars appear. In one of our parsonages, that of Rev. and Mrs. James Turner of Grand Blanc, there are two gold stars. We sorrow with these parents.

Nevertheless, the spirit of our churches is forward looking and with earnest desire for true service for a better world, our churches are alert to the many tasks and challenges which face us. This is demonstrated by the fact that many of our churches are planning for the future where their own buildings are concerned. Many old debts have been paid to the Building Society, clearing away mortgages and liens upon the properties. The Superintendent has attended many mortgage burnings which have been gala occasions. In addition to this a goodly number of our churches have launched upon financial campaigns preparatory to erecting new buildings as soon as war situations permit. Mayflower

Church in Detroit, Lansing Pilgrim, Watervliet, South, Second and Park in Grand Rapids, Memphis, Muskegon First and Grandville are all illustrations of this, and I am sure that there must be others of which I do not have immediate information. Reports from all these indicate that their financial campaigns have been successful. At this Conference we are to be called to a like sort of planning and giving for great Missionary postwar planning projects. We hope we shall be able to respond to this as whole-heartedly as we have met the demands of the local situation.

Ministers' Retreat. Briefly we report a most successful Ministers' Retreat held at Olivet in February. The planning for it was done by the Committee on Evangelism and the Devotional Life under the leadership of Rev. A. A. Nelson. Leaders were Rev. Owen Geer of Dearborn who gave three lectures on the Church as Related to Labor Unions, and Professor M. M. Deems of Chicago gave a series on The Theology of Augustine. This Retreat will become a feature of our year's work as time goes on.

Association Meetings. Your Superintendent is more than ever concerned with Association Meetings. We keenly appreciate the spirit of the Associations in arranging the Fall Meeting programs around the visit of the "State Team." As we have said before, we appreciate this courtesy and take seriously the obligation. That Fall trip around the Association circuit is no small job. It takes almost a month of the time of the Superintendent, President of Women's Fellowship, Minister of Education, and a representative from the denomination. We earnestly urge, therefore; that Advisory Committees use us to better advantage with each year and that more care goes into the planning for these programs. We vision the time when Association meetings shall be planned as thorough-going workshop sessions rather than the "series of lectures" type of thing. We believe a little thought here can pay big dividends.

Conference News. The "great little magazine" has been published in nine issues. Paper and manpower restrictions are hampering us. The magazine is often late arriving and we can't help it. At the present time we are allowed a ceiling of 2,856 subscribers and new subscribers must go on a waiting list. Under this plan if your subscription is allowed to lapse we are forced to give your place to someone on the list. Heretofore we have carried subscribers sometimes for two or three months. We warn you to watch your expiration date and get your renewal in to us. The price is now 35 cents, or three years for \$1.00. Meantime we call your attention to the fact that here is a rich source of up-to-the-minute material for Missionary education in your church.

The "Union." At the General Council it was voted that during this biennium we should be getting acquainted with the Evangelical and Reformed Church for the purpose of being intelligent over the proposal for Union with that Church. Your Superintendent urges attention to this matter. A Union by default, for lack of knowledge about one another would be tragic. We move rapidly toward June 1946 when it is expected that we shall know our own mind on this matter. It is the duty of every church to be informed for such a Union will affect every single church, even to a change of name.

Summary. While we are at this Conference we are to hear from Dr. Stauffacher, minister of the Missions Council, of new plans and

opportunities for Postwar Services. The Michigan Conference is most fortunate in the fine cooperation of Ministers and Churches with all State Conference agencies. I point out to you in all seriousness and earnestness that we can preserve our particular genius as Congregationalists, and that we can preserve our independence as churches and ministers only if we properly encourage and foster the full cooperation of the Fellowship. The fact is that not one of our churches can long survive alone. It is equally true that no minister can very long live to himself professionally. We must either share fully the work of the total fellowship of our churches in a planned cooperation or we shall die as a denomination, or we shall sacrifice our particular genius and become just another church. I, therefore, bespeak your full cooperation in every program of the Conference and denomination so that we may indeed serve at our best in our separate communities as well as make felt the weight of our Christian influence the world around, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HAROLD N. SKIDMORE,
Minister of the Conference.

(EXHIBIT II)
**REPORT OF TREASURER FOR YEAR ENDING
 JANUARY 11, 1945**

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 11, 1944		\$ 7,076.57
From Churches	\$ 27,647.42	
From All Other Sources, Including Interest on Investments, Per Capita Maintenance and Re- funds	7,195.91	34,843.33
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Transmission Accounts:		
For Home Boards	\$ 21,063.13	
For Foreign Board	19,022.59	
For Ministerial Relief	1,619.00	
For Unit Plan	3,631.50	
For General Council (Per Capita Maintenance)	3,836.65	
For Miscellaneous	5,544.56	54,717.43
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Other Accounts:		
From Matured Securities for Reinvestment...	\$ 1,638.16	
From Extension Fund—Payment Loans	2,096.52	
From Interest Investments and Refunds		
Women's Department	769.49	
From Pilgrim Fellowship	666.16	5,170.33
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		\$101,807.66

DISBURSEMENTS

State Work:		
Grants to Home Missionary Pastors	\$ 5,808.66	
Detroit Association of Churches	2,280.30	
State Share to Unit Fund	805.00	8,893.96
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Salaries:		
Superintendent	\$ 4,000.00	
Director Religious Education	1,456.26	
Secretary and Assistant Treasurer	2,000.00	
Office Secretary	1,600.00	
Other	183.25	9,239.51
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Travel:

Staff	\$	621.56	
Missionary Itineraries		379.28	
State Meeting		90.03	
Boards and Committees		503.83	
Delegates to General Council and Lakeside...		245.00	\$1,839.70

Annuities:

Staff	\$	254.94	254.94
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Office Expense:

Rent	\$	1,200.00	
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Printing:

Conference News	\$	786.94	
Conference Minutes		295.03	
General		563.35	1,645.32

Postage		347.59	
Telephone and Telegrams.....		241.22	
Literature and Supplies		379.34	
Insurance, Bonds and Taxes		123.41	
Rent Conference House		900.00	
Miscellaneous		454.73	
Social Action and Laymen's Fellowship		156.68	5,448.29

Transmission Accounts:

For Home Boards	\$	21,063.13	
For Foreign Board		19,022.59	
For Ministerial Relief		1,619.00	
For Unit Plan		3,631.50	
For General Council (Per Capita Maintenance)		3,836.65	
For Miscellaneous		5,544.56	54,717.43

Other Accounts:

Women's Missionary Society	\$	920.38	
Pilgrim Fellowship		707.86	
Investments		8,688.30	10,316.54

Cash on hand January 11, 1945	\$	11,097.29	
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Audited and approved April 31, 1945.

T. ROGERS LYONS.

(EXHIBIT III)
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference, I am pleased to submit a report of activities since the Annual Conference of 1944. There have been investments approximating \$22,566 of available funds belonging to the Conference, realized through moneys received from the sale and calling of securities and other sources. During the past year the sum of \$8,000 was received on the legacy given under the will of Dr. William Dick, who died March 23, 1944, a resident of South Range, Houghton County, Michigan.

I am pleased to set forth herein the properties belonging to the various funds of the Conference. The values set opposite the various items of property are the par values of the same, with the exception of the securities purchased since the report of May, 1943, on which I am showing the purchase prices.

The following properties now held for the State Work Fund of the Conference were purchased prior to May, 1944:

East Lansing Building and Loan Stock	\$ 2,000.00	
Capitol Savings and Loan Stock	1,680.00	
Lansing Savings and Loan Stock	1,000.00	
Telephone Bond and Share Bonds	2,000.00	
Washington Square Development Co. Bonds	5,000.00	
United Light and Railway Bonds	5,000.00	
Dominion of Canada Government Bonds	3,000.00	
Standard Chevrolet Sales Company Bond	400.00	
U. S. of A. Savings Defense Bond, Series G.....	2,000.00	
Standard Oil of New Jersey Stock—122 Shares...	5,000.00	
Consolidated Natural Gas Co. Stock—24 Shares..	888.00	
Cincinnati Gas & Electric 5% Preferred Stock— 30 Shares	2,955.00	
United Light & Railway 6% Preferred Stock— 50 Shares	5,042.50	
Northern Indiana Public Service 3½% Bonds....	3,109.13	
Central Power & Light Association 3½% Bonds..	2,996.25	
American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Common Stock—25 Shares	245.75	
Borden Company Common Stock—50 Shares.....	1,475.89	
Chase National Bank Stock—100 Shares.....	3,650.00	
National Biscuit Co. Common Stock—30 Shares..	663.82	
Conference Residence	10,000.00	\$ 58,106.34

Real Estate Mortgages and Contract:

Office Building	\$ 3,737.77	
Burlingame Parsonage	2,086.92	
Van Core Mortgage—6%	2,900.00	
Luce Contract—6%	1,878.13	10,602.82

The following properties were purchased for the State Work Fund of the Conference since May 1944:

Celanese Corporation—12 Shares	\$ 1,239.00	
Bank of Manhattan—100 Shares	2,825.00	
Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Co.—100 Shares..	5,625.00	
National Biscuit Co. Common Stock—50 Shares..	1,254.91	
Residence for Rev. Donald R. Evans	7,000.00	17,943.91
Total of Properties Held for State Work Fund		\$ 86,653.07

The following properties now held for the Ministerial Relief Fund were purchased prior to May, 1944:

East Lansing Building and Loan Stock	\$ 1,000.00	
Capitol Savings and Loan Stock	1,250.00	
Standard Oil of New Jersey Stock—30 Shares....	1,250.00	
Consolidated Natural Gas Co. Stock—6 Shares...	222.00	
Standard Accident Insurance Co. Stock—50 Shs..	3,312.50	
Ohio Public Service 7% Preferred Stock—30 Shs..	3,435.00	10,469.50

Real Estate Mortgages:

Whiting Farm, Clinton County	\$ 1,900.00	
Office Building	1,375.00	3,275.00

The following properties now held for the Ministerial Relief Fund were purchased since May, 1944:

Standard Accident Insurance Company Stock—50 Shares...	500.00
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The following properties now held for the Woman's Home Missionary Society were purchased prior to May, 1944:

Telephone Bond and Share Company Bonds	\$ 3,000.00	
Portland General Electric Company Bonds	3,000.00	
Canadian National Railway Company Bonds	1,000.00	
City of Royal Oak, Michigan, Bonds	2,000.00	
General Motors Corporation Stock—16 Shares...	160.00	
Peoples Federal Savings Stock—5 Shares.....	250.00	9,410.00

The following properties now held for the Woman's Home Missionary Society were purchased since May, 1944:

Celanese Corporation—10 Shares	1,032.50
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The following list of common stocks are held jointly by the State Work Fund 37%, Ministerial Relief Fund 33%, and Woman's Home Missionary Society 30%:

	Present Market Value	
American Radiator Stock—25 Shares	\$ 375.00	
Consolidated Edison Company—20 Shares	600.00	
General Electric Company—15 Shares	637.50	
General Motors Corporation—17 Shares.....	1,173.00	
Kennecott Copper Corporation—10 Shares.....	375.00	
National Biscuit Company—20 Shares	515.00	
Texas Corporation Stock—20 Shares	1,070.00	4,745.50

The following list of securities are owned jointly by the State Work Fund 77%, Ministerial Relief Fund 6%, and Woman's Home Missionary Society 17%:

Pacific Gas & Electric 3% First Mortgage Bonds		
—par \$2,000	\$ 2,023.50	
Home Insurance Company Stock—100 Shares....	2,775.00	
Detroit Edison Company Stock—100 Shares	1,903.50	
Consumers Power Company 5% Preferred Stock		
—23 Shares	2,380.50	\$9,082.50

The following properties now held by the last above joint Funds were purchased since May, 1944:

Wheeling Steel 3¼% Bonds—par \$3,000	3,090.00
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Grand Total of Properties\$128,258.07

Cash on hand belonging to the various funds of the Conference on April 30, 1945, amounted to \$11,241.24.

From the State Work Fund 12 shares Consumers Power Company 4½% Preferred Stock were sold for \$1,319.28 and \$2,000 par value of Woodward Avenue Corporation Bonds were sold for \$1,899.00. From the Woman's Home Missionary Society Fund 10 shares Consumers Power Company 4½% Preferred Stock were sold for \$1,099.40. The office building has been depreciated from \$3,918.40 to \$3,737.77 and the investment in the Burlingame parsonage has been reduced from \$2,205.72 to \$2,086.92. From the joint funds last above mentioned \$3,000 par value of Wheeling Steel Corporation 3½% First Mortgage Bonds were sold at \$3,093.08.

I wish also to report that through the very splendid and efficient cooperation of Mr. John D. MacNaughton, a member of your Finance Committee, considerable attention has been given during the past year to the matter of reviewing the securities and properties belonging to the various Funds to the end that we think all of the properties should for the present, at least, be retained in the various Funds. This service will be continued as long as we serve as members of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY C. LILLIE,

Chairman of Finance Committee.

Grand Rapids, Michigan.
May 14, 1945.

(EXHIBIT IV)

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE**

On May 18, 1944, your Board of Trustees met in the Congregational Church in Battle Creek to organize for the coming year. In this meeting, Mrs. Reuben R. Moore was chosen President of the Board and Rev. H. N. Dukes, Secretary.

When the roll call was completed we greeted three new members and one coming back on the Board after a period away.

The spirit of dedication and consecration expressed at that first meeting has not only been carried through the year but has become intensified with each new effort. I would like to express my personal appreciation for the promptness with which each member has responded to each request made of them. I know that often it has been done at great sacrifice. When we face the demands made upon individuals, groups and churches these days, it means much more when the demands of the "extra mile" are made, answered and carried through.

Since wartime limitations on travel and gasoline have made it necessary to cut to the smallest possible number the meetings held in the State Office, we have had only three meetings of the entire Board of Trustees. The organization meeting held in Battle Creek on May 18, 1944, and two meetings at the State Office—September 7, 1944, and November 29, 1944. Our final meetings were held in Plymouth Church, Lansing, on May 15 and 16, 1945.

We have supplemented these meetings with three meetings of the Executive Committee at the State Office—September 6 and November 28, 1944, and February 2 and 3, 1945. These meetings have been of almost perfect attendance in spite of heavy weather and other handicaps. Around the table have gathered those who prayerfully and earnestly have been about their "Father's Business." Our Superintendent has very carefully planned the details of the agenda for these meetings. Much of this has necessitated hours of personal interviews and many letters. Each of these details has been carefully and prayerfully discussed in such a way that we have been enabled to be of the most aid possible to the ministers of the Conference and to the best interest of you in each individual church in the state.

Four years ago in this sanctuary we installed Dr. Harold N. Skidmore as Superintendent and Minister of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference. We are proud of the work he has accomplished in this office. We are daily more aware of the great task our Superintendent faces—the task which he carries so superbly as he is supported by his loyal companion and wife. The demands are endless—large and small—but each task receives its necessary quota of time, prayer and study so that when it is set on its way, it is fortified to carry through in the manner that it may count most for the church and our Master.

We have reason to be justly proud of the work accomplished in our State Office by the Superintendent and the loyal members of the Staff. No detail of house or record has been overlooked. Our Superintendent has put every department on a basis of personal responsibility in its own field. Each has faced its responsibility and to each belongs the

credit for tasks well done coupled with our thanks. There has been a spirit of unity and cooperation. No department has endeavored to carry through any part of a program which has not first been coordinated with the work of the Conference as a whole. This has been one of the strongest means of success.

Our Superintendent has not saved any of his own physical strength nor his spiritual support to make this a reality. In addition to the value of this in our own State of Michigan, it has reached out into the National program. Dr. Skidmore has made a telling contribution to every phase of our General Council. May he be strengthened in body and soul to serve in this ever-growing work—may God bless him and his richly.

As we look back over the past year we are grateful for the opportunity to be host to the General Council in Grand Rapids in June. The manner in which each detail of the great meeting was handled has brought forth the deserving thanks of the General Council officers for the untiring work of our State Staff and the loyal workers of Park Church and her neighbor churches.

Our Superintendent's work is daily strengthened and upheld by the loyal and understanding support of our office Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Fay R. Stokes. No question or detail is too trivial to receive her careful attention. If anyone in the Congregational Churches of Michigan is confused over a problem it is only because they have not written to Mrs. Stokes for light on the subject. She has the answer and to her we give our grateful thanks.

Miss Katherine Lohr has made a unique place for herself on the Staff. As her work has grown and her talents been used in the office and through the various outlets in our churches, we find ourselves more indebted to her.

Christian Education Division

At our meeting in Battle Creek a year ago we were pledged to choose a successor to Miss Esther Ewell as leader in this field. After careful study, Rev. Donald R. Evans, pastor of the Charlevoix Church, was called to be minister of Christian Education at a salary of \$2,800.00 a year, with house provided, one-half of his Annuity Fund, moving expenses and one month's vacation. This is daily proving a wise choice. Mr. Evans is making for himself and his work a growing field of real value. With the loyal support of Rev. Paul Clark and his committee, he is facing the challenge of serving our youth through schools, Summer Conferences and camps. We have invited Mr. Evans to sit in on the meetings of the Board of Trustees so that he may understand the problems first hand.

Woman's Work

As the Board of Trustees we desire to express to Miss Frances Dunnette our approval of the efficient manner in which she has carried on as head of the Woman's Work. It has been a help to have her sit in on our Board meetings so that the entire work be coordinated more completely.

Finances

Our Treasurer, Mr. E. E. Harris, has made his report to you and you have acted upon it. However, you do not see the faithful loyalty behind the scenes as he carries on his work. He is supported by the members of his Finance Committee who have made it possible to give to this

meeting the report which calls for our grateful thanks and a challenge as we face the work ahead with expectancy.

There have been anxious times—vexing problems—ahead lie even greater ones. Nevertheless, our churches have been inspirations for the best and will continue as such.

Apportionment

As in the past three years, the church officers and ministers of our Conference have received the folders for budgeted benevolences. The responses to these have been very heartening. The choice of "how much" is yours to make. You have made it. Have you made it in proportion to the blessings which are yours? Have you made it to the greatest limit possible to meet the challenge which faces our churches today? As we face the year ahead we pray the "upward reach" will surpass any of the past that we may dip deeper into the world's problems. The decision rests with you.

Ministerial Relief

No detailed report has come to us from the National office to date. However, we would like to say a word of appreciation to Rev. Badder for his earnest work on the Unit Plan this past year. We are still far from that expected of us but under Rev. Badder's leadership we have improved. Give your support to this.

Conference News

Through this small magazine has come to our Congregational homes news from and of the state work as well as the national and world problems. This past year has seen many necessary changes in work and procedure. This has reached even our Conference News. Because of paper shortage and other war demands, we have been forced to raise the cost of this paper to 35 cents a year. However, it would be cheap at twice the price **if you read it. Use it! Make it vital!**

To the Laymen

May I be pardoned for bringing a personal note to this report? With this meeting I am completing six years on this Board of Trustees—four of these years as President of the Board. When elected I wondered why I should be put here. Now I know that it was a precious opportunity to give of one's best to the Master's work in Congregationalism in Michigan. I am grateful to be privileged to serve. With the exception of one meeting, I have sat at the table and endeavored to face these questions with the loyal ones gathered there.

May those who are called through the years to follow have a similar enriching experience. May the churches of Michigan be strengthened to stand loyally behind our Minister of the Conference as he endeavors to give his best.

Now I am privileged to speak **as a layman to the laymen** of our churches. During the past six years on this Board of Trustees and through its contacts I have been given the opportunity to "listen in" on the churches of the state. There are many things which have caused me to ponder on some problems that I feel that we, as laymen, need to face.

Through these years I have been privileged to "feel the pulse" of anxious ministers over the state—from all sections. I mean by this—city churches as well as the "circuit rider." They have not been complaining—they would not, for they are "soldiers of the King"—but rather have just "talked out loud."

As a layman I appeal to you, and at the same time I am **talking to myself** as a church member. We are members of the Congregational-Christian Churches of Michigan. We have called as ministers of our churches men who have felt the Divine Call to minister to the church, to the individuals who make the churches. They have studied and worked to prepare themselves to be worthy of the ministry. They ask no other reward than the privilege of leading men to love and serve their Master and find joy in doing it. These ministers are called by you and me to serve in our churches. They come and give their best. They plan your services—regular and special—so that they may move smoothly and in a way which may mean most. They christen your babies and mine; they marry your children and mine; they care for your afflicted and troubled ones and mine; they remember to write that letter which may raise the courage of yours and mine; they answer those thousand and one telephone calls of yours and mine that we could have answered ourselves if we had read with care the church notices; they bury your dead and mine. In the business world you and I demand a 40- or 48-hour week—a five-day week or something as ironclad. Your minister and mine is on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. That is your will and mine.

As I have "listened in" all over the state I am very sure that many of the heartaches in the parsonages are **not meant to be**. We have just not thought about them at all.

Our ministers are not looking for praise. However, the "vote of confidence" which even Churchill demands of Parliament would ease many a load. Just the lift of a word of genuine approval would be the anointing oil that would bless farther than we know. May I make this appeal to every layman here and over our state that when our annual meeting comes around that we take advantage of that opportunity to let our ministers know that we are interested and appreciative of their work.

These annual meetings are set so that we all know when they are to be. Don't allow anything to interfere with that date. Our annual meetings are the "stockholders' meetings" and, if we can't possibly attend in person, we should commission a "reliable proxy." This is just **good business sense**.

Our ministers have reason to dread these annual meetings because you and I have caused such reactions as these—

"Oh, it just the annual meeting."

"No one seems to care to attend."

"There is seldom more than a quorum."

"They feel reports are not interesting."

"One wonders the justification of the minister's report as so few care to hear it."

"If we have a supper you have to catch them at the table or they will eat and run."

"Are they really concerned unless something goes wrong?"

"They feel it is all cut and dried."

"They want the work done—by the others."

"With one accord they began to make excuses."

How many of these few statements I have chosen **sound familiar** to you? I trust they have pricked our thinking to such an extent that when you and I have a report to make at an annual meeting it will be prayerfully prepared and read. When the other reports are prepared and read, **we will be there** to listen and comment.

Our ministers are "Keepers of God's Houses" and we are his "Trustees." Let us face the years ahead with confidence and give confidence to others.

We need to take and use these annual meetings to give our ministers the "vote of confidence," the word of appreciation which will prove the keystone of strength, courage and inspiration which will bring greatest returns to the church.

There is one more item over which our ministers are concerned and only the laymen can solve it as we are the ones who create the problem. This is the desire we express to have the "last minister" return for weddings and funerals "because they were so close to us." This creates difficult problems for the minister in the church and the one asked to return. Let us as laymen over the state do all we can to ease this problem of "ethics."

By our decisions as laymen we can do much to strengthen the hands and hearts of those who serve us. May God strengthen us so to do.

Recommendations

We recommend that Dr. Harold N. Skidmore be re-elected Superintendent and Minister of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference, at present salary of \$5,000; Mr. E. E. Harris to be re-elected Treasurer, and Mrs. Fay R. Stokes be re-elected Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, at present salary of \$2,000—each for a term of one year, and the necessary bonds be given.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE MAY MOORE,
President of Board of Trustees.

(EXHIBIT V)

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF
THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF THE MICHIGAN
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

Three years as your State President, three years of trying to anticipate the needs of the Women's Groups throughout the state. It has been a most interesting period and I have gained much through the work. Your friendships and your desire to cooperate with me to make our Fellowship of Congregational and Christian Women a real live organization has been a real inspiration. Our Fellowship has become increasingly aware of the work of our denomination, of the total picture of what we as Church women can do and what we must accomplish if we are to do our part in the dreamed-of "New World."

The Association meetings in the Upper Peninsula were later than usual, thus making it possible for the state group to go on over to Duluth for the Regional meeting. The Midwest Regional was well attended, with many fine speakers. The women had a luncheon meeting and your president was asked to take part of that program which was on the Islands of the South Pacific.

I attended the United Council of Church Women in Columbus, driving down with Mrs. Charles Houser of East Congregational and Mrs. John Dykstra of the Central Reform Church of Grand Rapids. It was indeed a great inspiration to see so many women representing so many different denominations, planning and working together for the future—a future where Peace would prevail throughout the whole World.

It was presented very clearly to us that as Christian women we cannot just sit back and wait for Peace to come, but we must study proposals as they are put before the peoples, know what they mean, and then let our voices be heard in backing the right ones and voting down those things which tend to keep our countries in turmoil. We must exercise our rights as American citizens and use the vote that it is our privilege to have and to see to it that all American citizens have the freedoms that are theirs by virtue of that citizenship.

At an open session of the Midwinter meetings of the Missions Council reports covering five techniques for education and promotion were given by five Presidents of the Women's Fellowship. My topic was "Stewardship and Basic Giving." There was a fine meeting of state presidents with 31 states represented. Work materials for the coming year were discussed, ideas were exchanged and a Goal or set of Goals were worked out so that there would be more uniformity of methods throughout the states. The materials for our interdenominational study themes were presented, "The Church Among Uprooted Americans" and "Africa." Due to delay in printing these books will be a bit late in coming out but will be ready for your programs in September.

Speaking of books, most of you have been aware of my bag of books, the latest devotional books, and all of the study books and maps. Many of you ordered from these samples. The project was such a success that I will again next Fall start out with a new assortment for your inspection.

While in Cleveland I attended my first meeting as a Director on the

Board of Home Missions, an honor which I greatly appreciate and I will endeavor to represent the women of our Fellowship to the best of my ability.

This past year a "Manual for Leaders of the Michigan Fellowship of Congregational and Christian Women" was printed and included in the Program Packet. One will again be sent out in the Packet this year. We have had many comments on this Manual and we hope that it has proved a help in your groups. If you have any suggestions for changes please let me know.

The Executive Board of our Michigan Fellowship met in a two-day work session in East Lansing in February. It was decided to again mail the Program Packets into every church in the state, the price to remain the same as last year even though the cost of the contents is not covered by that 50 cents. Each church is to pay for it through their Association Treasurer and the Associations in turn will remit the total sum to the state.

At this meeting much stress was put on the appointing or electing of the seven department chairmen, the "Seven Dwarfs" as they were nicknamed and it is interesting to see how some of your groups are blossoming out under this plan of putting many women to work, not just one doing it all.

Our Association Presidents are doing a real work in organization in their Associations. Most of them have active chairmen in all departments and it was suggested that every Association order "Guide Posts" for all of its officers. Give your Association President your cooperation by trying to do at once the things she asks of you.

Speaking of "Guide Posts" it was also suggested that every organization equip their president and seven department chairmen with "Guide Posts" as it is the official working tool of the Women's Fellowship and is a real help in all departments of our work.

Some of the Associations in Michigan have experimented with sectional meetings and they have proved very successful, it being easier in these days of restricted travel to get together women from churches close together. Travel will undoubtedly still be difficult this coming year and it is my hope that more of the widely scattered Associations will have this type of meeting.

The year has been a very active one, with streamlined programs to meet the busy days of all of our women. Many Red Cross Centers are established in our churches, combining this work with the program of the church. The gathering together of clothing and the making of new garments for those peoples who have lost all and are homeless, has reached large proportions. This work will be continued through the two distributing centers, the one in the home of Mrs. L. R. Martin, 628 Middlesex Bend, Grosse Pointe, and the other, Mrs. Walter Seastrom, care of Friendly Service, Park Church, Grand Rapids. Porch parties this summer will be splendid places to continue this work while you are planning the activities for the Fall programs of your churches. Winter with its cold does not wait for mere mortals to finish sewing garments, warm clothing,—it is one of the musts of Christian women.

Mrs. R. S. Evans, the book lady, has spent many hours with you and in making suggestions for your programs, and her summer book list sounds very interesting, giving us a preview of the studies of the coming year. The Social Action Department under Mrs. Glenn Utterback of Calumet, has been actively promoting the study regarding the future Peace of the World and the plan of the church regarding relations to the task of breaking down prejudices. This department joined with

Friendly Service in promoting the sewing project and the collection of usable clothing for U.N.R.R.A.

Mrs. Harold Skidmore, chairman of Devotional Life, has constantly given helps and has on your invitations conducted many devotional services in your groups. She prepared devotional services to fit in with the prepared programs in the Packets. Stewardship has had the attention of Mrs. S. B. Wenger of Jackson, who as chairman of that department has stressed the giving of our Fellowship for the total work of the denomination.

Mrs. Ida Eslon resigned her chairmanship of Friendly Service last Fall and it was with regret that it was accepted. Mrs. Reuben R. Moore of St. Clair was appointed to fill this unexpired term in February. The work of this department has gone on in spite of the many other demands on the time of our women, for they always have time to supply these materials, valued this year at \$3,201.16, which are the life-lines of so many of our schools and hospitals. Over 4,784 articles were knitted and sewed for U.N.R.R.A.

Mrs. Thomas Nadal has completed her second year as chairman of Publicity and has done a very fine job in compiling her materials for Conference News and in getting them to the Editor on time. Mrs. Fred Bryant is completing six years as chairman of Drama. Upon recommendation of the Executive Board this department will be dropped this coming year, as will the so-called Literature department and in their place will be the Missionary Education Department under the leadership of Mrs. R. S. Evans, and the Christian Education Department. Drama will be included in each of these departments as a part of their work. Mrs. D. R. Olson was appointed by your president to get the work of this Christian Education Department started and the office will be filled for a three-year term at the annual meeting. Mrs. Olson has a great deal to contribute and I am sure that you will all enjoy knowing her.

Mrs. David Elliott has a list of available local area speakers, but she would like additions of new people if you have them in your locality. Send in these names promptly as that is the only way she has of compiling this list.

I greatly appreciate the cooperation of our Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Parkhurst, who has worked so faithfully; the work of Mrs. W. R. Catton, our Treasurer, and the fine cooperation of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Keith Elliot, who has been chairman of that committee, has accepted the presidency of the Kalamazoo Association, where she has a large number of churches to work with. In this capacity she will still remain on our Board.

It has been a strenuous year for everyone, but a great deal has been accomplished, the Association Presidents have worked very closely with your State Officers and I wish to extend my thanks to them for their fine work, there have been marked signs of improvement because of their untiring efforts.

As I look back over these last three years, I have many happy memories of days spent in your groups and I hope that travel facilities will soon be such that it will be possible to visit many more.

The drawings that we have been using on the covers of our Programs for these last two years have been done by Mrs. R. S. Coleman of Park Church in Grand Rapids and I am sure that you will all join me in thanking her for her work and her ability to put on paper the thought that our Programs wish to bring out.

FRANCES DUNNETTE, President.

(EXHIBIT VI)**REPORT OF MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

On November 1, 1944, I became Minister of Christian Education. It was my stated desire to emphasize personal visits to individual churches; the Board of Christian Education concurred in this emphasis. To this end, I have welcomed invitations from churches to serve them in whatever capacity I could—and it must be stated that there has been no dearth of invitations. I have accepted every invitation except when prevented by previous commitments.

In the six and one-half months I have been in this office I have:

- given 41 sermons, talks, and addresses;
- met with 17 local church groups and committees;
- met with 23 state and association committees;
- attended 4 national or interdenominational meetings.

This makes a total of 85 appointments.

Analyzing my work in a different way, I have served, in varying capacities:

- 30 individual churches;
- 4 Pilgrim Fellowship Associations;
- 2 Associations.

The work of the state committees has consisted largely of: (a) Carrying out plans made before I took office, and (b) laying plans for the summer of 1945 and the Church Year of 1945-46.

The Leadership Education Committee has largely concerned itself with setting up the Christian Education Institute. The Children's Committee has shared in this project by assuming responsibility for the teaching of the children's sections at the Institute. In addition, the Children's Committee put out during the winter a very useful newsletter on worship in the Church School.

The Youth Department started the Fall season by printing and distributing the MPF Guidebook, which has served throughout the year as the instrument of cooperation and the basis of future planning. The usual Midwinter and Spring meetings of the Executive Board have been held. Considerable work has been put into planning the senior high school summer conferences. Satisfactory progress has been made on the Michigan plan for chartering local Pilgrim Fellowship groups; this year has seen an increase of almost 25% in chartered groups.

The College Work Department has held one meeting, at which all our student work centers were represented; needs in this area were explored, and plans begun for meeting them.

The Missionary Education Committee has secured information from churches regarding the felt need for missionary work; on the basis of this information, we were able to make the most effective use of the 14 days given to Michigan by the Rev. Raymond A. Dudley, missionary from India.

The Visual Education Committee has made plans for discovering the needs and desires of churches in regard to this comparatively new method of education; plans are also made for an expanding service for 1945-46.

The Curriculum Committee has been at work this winter on material to supplement the printed Curriculum Guide. This material is nearing completion.

Note should be taken of one special difficulty which has arisen, namely: the ODT ban on conventions. It has been a tedious job to persuade the ODT to make interpretations applicable to church sponsored summer conferences. Therefore, it has been necessary to make plans for our summer conferences while keeping in mind the fact that they might be cancelled. Our policy has been to cooperate wholeheartedly with every necessary wartime restriction and, at the same time, retain as much of our educational program as possible.

This summarizes briefly the work of the Christian Education Department to date. It should be stated in conclusion that it is the conscious desire of the Department to serve the needs of our various churches, and to strengthen in any possible way the program of education at the local church level. Suggestions from ministers and laymen are most welcome.

DONALD R. EVANS.

(EXHIBIT VII)

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Feeling that in Detroit there were represented some of the most terrific social problems and pressures, the national Council for Social Action requested our Michigan Committee to conduct a Reconciliation Tour in Detroit for the delegates to the General Council who wished to stop-over on their way to Grand Rapids last June. The tour was arranged accordingly on June 20, 1944. Mr. Herbert McCreedy, Assistant Director of the C.I.O. Political Action Committee, Region 6, spoke to the group which numbered about 75, on "Postwar Prospects" and the program of the C.I.O. Political Action Committee; Rev. John Miles, Negro preacher and union worker, co-pastor with Claude Williams of the Detroit People's Church (an inter-racial church), spoke on the subject, "Areas of Cooperation Between Church and Labor"; Mr. John Thorkelson of the Educational Department, U.A.W.-C.I.O., spoke on "Labor-Management Relations." Following these addresses a government film produced by the WRA, "A Challenge to Democracy," showing conditions in the assembly and relocation centers for Japanese-Americans, was shown, and Rev. Shigeo Tanabe, Japanese-American chaplain of the Detroit Council of Churches, then answered questions concerning his people. A luncheon meeting was held at the Webster Hall Hotel at which time Mr. Robert H. Keys, President of the Foremen's Association of America, spoke on the organization of his union; and Mrs. Beulah Whitby, Assistant Director of the Detroit Inter-racial Committee, spoke on "Detroit's Inter-racial Problem and What We Are Doing About It." In the afternoon the group visited the Willow Run Housing Project, touring the worship and recreation centers, the housing, and hearing an explanation of the religious program and the home research project, financed by the Rackham Foundation, by the Rev. George P. Jerome.

On October 10 a mailing was sent to all the ministers of the state urging the cooperation of the churches in the national campaign for clothes for the people of liberated Europe sponsored by the U.N.R.R.A. Results of this campaign showed that the first five churches in Michigan in the number of pounds of clothing contributed were: (1) Mayflower, Detroit, 1,919 lbs.; (2) Lowell, 1,500 lbs.; (3) Atlanta, 1,320 lbs.; (4) Vermontville, 940 lbs.; (5) Gaylord, 900 lbs. This, with the other 20 churches contributing, made a total of 14,298 lbs. This committee assumes that many more of our Michigan churches cooperated in the recent clothing drive held in April.

A Blueprint for the Organization of Social Action Committees was enclosed in the October 10 mailing, and the aims, objectives, and projects of the state committee noted. These are:

1. A continuing study of the problems of World Order in the postwar world.
2. The continued and increasing support of the work of the Committee for War Victims and Services.
3. More emphasis on alcohol education.
4. Assistance in the problems of juvenile delinquency.
5. Assistance in the settlement of Japanese-Americans.
6. More political action by churches. Order the new Washington Report published by the Legislative Committee of the C.S.A., 1751 North St., N.W., Washington, D. C. \$0.50 per year.
7. The securing of greater justice for Negroes.
8. Assistance to residents of new defense communities.
9. More study of social problems.
10. The Service Committee—
 - (a) The sewing project for the peoples of Europe now being sponsored by the Friendly Service Chairmen of the Women's Department of the Conference.
 - (b) The projects under the Million Hours Plan for Pilgrim Fellowship.
 - (c) The game chests for merchant seamen.
 - (d) Kits for Russia.
 - (e) Securing of qualified workers for Europe.

In addition your committee suggests that local churches organize committees for returning servicemen to assist them in all phases of their adjustment to civilian life wherever possible.

A mailing also went to all Association Registrars on October 10 requesting the name of the Association Social Action Chairman and his or her committee.

The Service Committee of the Council for Social Action requested the state committee to undertake a sewing project for the children of Europe. This project was launched here last Fall and is described in the report of Mrs. Lyndle R. Martin.

On January 18 a mailing was sent to the ministers of the state concerning the proposed legislation providing for postwar military conscription. The resolution on the matter adopted by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America was incorporated in the letter, the last paragraph of which reads as follows:

"We are committed to working for a postwar settlement that will insure to all nations peace, security and justice. To this end we pledge ourselves anew in the hope that peoples everywhere may be released from the burden of competitive armaments and given the opportunity to develop a world community in accordance with Christian principles."

The churches were asked to give serious consideration to this problem and to act as they deem advisable.

Another mailing sent to the churches on February 22 concerned the Congregational-Christian Committee for War Victims and Services and mentioned the amount given by each church to the Committee. Total gifts for the state amounted to \$18,695.11. The average gift per member per year was, on the basis of 1943 Year Book statistics, \$0.358. Of the 239 churches listed in the Year Book, 120 made contributions. Michigan's first ten churches in total giving to C.W.V.S. in 1944 were:

Detroit First	\$1,402.15
Muskegon First	918.72
Rockford	733.77
Pontiac	714.84
Benton Harbor	704.73
Detroit Bushnell	602.57
Wayne	570.50
Detroit Boulevard	546.05
Ypsilanti	501.63
Bay City	491.48

As Dr. Stauffacher mentioned, the goal for this committee is to be increased by half a million dollars a year for the next three years. This will mean our Michigan churches must do better than we have done. We suggest that you do one of these things:

1. Secure personal pledges for the work of the C.W.V.S.
2. Take regular monthly offerings for the work of the C.W.V.S.
3. Dedicate one or more complete offerings such as the Easter or Christmas offering to the work of the C.W.V.S.

It should be mentioned that gifts to this committee are channeled through our own denominational organizations or through recognized national agencies. Our money has gone to the following groups:

American Christian Committee for Refugees—For help for refugees in America.

American Friends Service Committee—For food for children.

Church Committee for Relief in Asia—For civilian relief in China, and for civilian relief in the Philippines.

Congregational Union of England and Wales—For relief through English Congregational Churches.

Unitarian Service Committee—For refugees in Portugal and Switzerland.

The Commission for World Council Services—For church reconstruction and relief in Europe.

International Missionary Council—For orphaned missions.

American Board War Emergency Fund—For emergency services and relief.

War Emergency Work Department (BHM)—For church programs in war areas.

General Council and Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life—
 For aid to chaplains and World Council Representative.
 Committee for Japanese Evacuees (CSA)—For relocation centers and
 resettlement work.
 Service Committee (CSA).
 Y.M.C.A. War Prisoners' Aid Committee.
 Y.W.C.A. World Emergency Fund.
 Committee on Conscientious Objectors—Designated funds only.
 Japanese Relocation Centers Christmas Fund.
 Children to Palestine—For the care of Jewish children.
 World Student Christian Federation, and other miscellaneous agencies.

The State Committee has had a page in the Conference News throughout the year written by members of the committee. Mr. George Drew wrote on Citizenship, Mrs. Howard B. Holden on our Service Projects, Mr. Charles Scheid on Japanese Americans, Mr. Walter Jackson on Labor Relations, Mr. Henry Rust on the Rural Church, and Mrs. E. L. Martin on the Sewing Projects.

A new publication of the Council for Social Action is the "Washington Report" published by the Legislative Committee of the Council. This publication describes current legislation and suggests political action in line with Christian principles by the churches. It sells for \$0.50 a year, and you are urged to subscribe.

Again may I urge you to read "Social Action" magazine of which Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr says, "I regard 'Social Action' as the finest example of Christian social education at the present time."

ROBERT E. BURTT.

(EXHIBIT VIII)

THE CLOTHING PROJECT

under direction of

SOCIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

and

FRIENDLY SERVICE OF WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The emergency Relief Agency of our denomination is known as the Service Committee of the Congregational-Christian Church.

Although the work of the Relief project is actually being done by the women, through the Friendly Service Department, it is directed by the Council of Social Action and supported by your contribution to the Committee of War Victims and Services.

To facilitate this work, Rev. James C. Flint, director, asked that each state cooperate by opening a central distributing center. Although the first call for help came during the late summer of 1943, Michigan did not get this work underway until October 1944 when a distributing

center was opened in Grosse Pointe. Due to the size of our state it seemed advisable to open another center. This was done some weeks later in the Park Congregational Church, Grand Rapids.

These centers receive quantity shipments direct from the various Relief agencies of the United Nations War Relief Board. The shipments have contained yarn for children's knitted garments, hundreds of yards of uncut material (835 yards to be exact) to be cut, and new ready-cut articles of children's clothing to be made. The shipments that arrive from New York depend on what materials are available at a given time. Consequently it is not always possible to supply the type of sewing a group may desire, however, this should not prevent anyone from helping, as all types of clothing are needed.

When the huge cartons arrive at the center they are too heavy to be taken through an ordinary door. This means they must be broken down outside. The garments are then sorted and repacked into smaller lots and sent upon request to individuals or groups. There is no time limit on completion of consignments nor is Michigan given a definite quota.

Our church women in Michigan have received 4,124 garments for sewing including little dresses, skirts, and boys' shorts for Yugoslavia; slacks for Denmark; sleeping garments for Belgium; slips for France; undergarments for Greece; and dresses for English Relief.

Four hundred and thirty pounds of yarn for Yugoslav and French children's garments have been received. Approximately 820 knitted articles are being made, which includes sweaters, suits, socks and baby garments.

One hundred and thirty-six churches are participating or have participated in this project, including one interdenominational church in Detroit and a Baptist church at Hudson, Mich. Is your church one of these? I feel quite sure that the women who are here will encourage the women of their churches to become active in the project. I should like to ask the ministers to do the same. They can do a great deal in promoting this type of work, especially the minister of churches in communities where there are no Red Cross units. Women are eager to help but may need someone to help them get started.

As I see it, this project has done much to develop group responsibility within our denomination, and it cannot help but bring some recognition to our denomination. There are all types of relief work to be done and if we are to do it, why not work through our Congregational Channels? This is our church in action.

We hope to hear from all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

DAULL F. MARTIN (Mrs. Lyndle R.)

(EXHIBIT IX)

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1

Whereas the Congregational and Christian Churches of Lansing, through their ministers, their various organizations, and members, have been untiring in their efforts to provide every necessary facility for the furtherance of the Conference, and every possible consideration for our personal comfort,

Be it Resolved, That the Conference extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to Plymouth Church, its Ministers, and Minister of Music, and the many others, for the use of this beautiful building and the many facilities it houses, and to the Pilgrim and Mayflower Churches and their Ministers for their splendid cooperation.

2

Whereas the time is approaching when some decision will of necessity be made in connection with the proposal for union now before the Evangelical and Reformed Churches and our own denomination,

Be it Resolved, That the Conference go on record urging our pastors and our people to become well informed so that if or when the opportunity comes for definite action on this issue we may be prepared to act and to vote intelligently.

3

Whereas world patterns are now being set, and world organizations being built up for the guidance and control of nations and of peoples in the years to come, the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations being now in session,

Be it Resolved, That we dedicate ourselves and call on our fellow-citizens to dedicate themselves in loyalty to Christ to pray and to strive unselfishly for social and international justice and fellowship. That we call on all Christian people to act upon the full measure of the unity which they have found in Christ, joining themselves together across all denominational, national, and racial barriers; in worship, in study, and in service; thus endeavoring to show to the world the fellowship which Christ alone creates.

4

Be it Resolved:

- (1) That the Michigan Congregational Conference reaffirm the official relationship that exists between the Conference and Olivet College.
- (2) That each church in the Conference be urged to include Olivet College in its benevolent budget.
- (3) That each church be urged to recommend Olivet College to Congregational-Christian students graduating from high school.
- (4) That each church avail itself whenever possible of the program resources in the faculty and student body of Olivet College.

ROGER GOUGH.

CHAS. W. SCHEID.

NORMAN WOON.

(EXHIBIT X)

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM
AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE**

The Committee has had several meetings the past year and has discussed the problems, opportunities, and the urgency of a more effective Christian evangelism among our churches. This report is a result of these deliberations, and correspondence.

I — Definition

By evangelism we mean the use of every possible means to infuse people with the consciousness of the God revealed in the spirit, teachings and life of Jesus. Evangelism involves the use of every available resource to make clear the mission of Christ and to spread the Christian message as it has evolved through the centuries.

II — Purpose

Specifically we believe that the purpose of evangelism is:

- (1) "To bring men into communion with God." (Frederick L. Fagley.)
- (2) To win the world for Christ. This has been a central aim of the churches of our tradition for the past 200 years.
- (3) It follows then that a sound evangelism is necessary to the building of a truly good world, to the creation of a "just and durable peace."

III — Methods

It is our conviction that the ministers and churches of our Conference should keep in mind the following methods in an evangelistic program:

(1) **The Pastor's Class.** Every minister should attempt to have a class in the weeks preceding Easter, in which the great convictions of our historic faith are reasonably and persuasively set forth, in which the aim is the securing of a decision on the part of young people to declare their loyalty to Christ and formally unite with the church.

(2) **The Church School.** Leaders in Christian Education are returning to the idea that Christian commitment ought to be a part of the aim in teaching. In a day when the motion picture, radio and other agencies are pushing young people into un-Christian attitudes and ways of life, the Christian Church must challenge them to decide for Christ and follow His way. We believe that this committee ought to have a working relationship with the Conference Board of Christian Education so that we could plan and execute an integrated program of Christian nurture and decision.

(3) **The Preaching Mission.** We believe that there are many of our churches that could benefit greatly by a one- or two-week Preaching Mission. The members of this committee are willing to make themselves available to the churches and to the Conference Minister for such service. A number of ministers in our Conference are capable of this kind of service.

(4) **Evangelistic Preaching.** A sane and vigorous evangelism ought to be at the heart of most of our preaching. One of the purposes of preaching and worship is to make Christ so clear and attractive that our people will rise up and follow Him.

(5) **The Use of Literature.** Our General Council Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life has excellent literature. We recommend a discriminating distribution of it.

IV — The Devotional Life

We believe that a vigorous spiritual life has its roots in individual, family and corporate worship. For individual and family use we highly recommend "Daily Devotions," a quarterly publication of our General Council Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life. We do not believe that the importance of the public worship of God on Sunday morning can, in the present hour, be too strongly emphasized.

V — The Ministers' Lenten Retreat

This committee this year planned the Ministers' Retreat, which was held at Olivet College February 12-14, 1945. Fifty ministers came for a period of stimulating fellowship and inspiration, under the leadership of Dr. Mervin M. Deems of the Chicago Theological Seminary; Rev. Owen M. Geer of Mount Olivet Community Methodist Church, Dearborn; President Malcolm Boyd Dana, Olivet College; Dr. Harold N. Skidmore, Rev. Donald R. Evans, and Mr. Allen T. Burns, New York City. It is our hope that all the ministers of the Conference might attend next year, and thereby increase the possibility of a dynamic and united Christian witness in Michigan Congregationalism.

A. A. NELSON, Chairman.
RAY B. JOHNSTON.
GORDON SPEER.
THOMAS S. VERNON.
ROBERT BARKSDALE.
NORMAN G. WOON.
PHILIP GREGORY.

(EXHIBIT XI)

OBITUARIES

Edwyn M. Evans. Born: March 26, 1878—Lougher, Glamorganshire, South Wales. Education: Public Schools of Wales; Carmarthen College and Seminary. Ordained: At Lancashire, England, in 1905. Michigan pastorates: Calumet, Bay City, Reed City, Belding. Died: January 10, 1945, at Grand Rapids.

Charles W. Jones. Born: August 27, 1862, in Hendrysburg, Ohio. Education: Public Schools of Ohio, and Hendrysburg Academy. Ordained: At Wellsville, Ohio, September 16, 1903. Michigan pastorates: Essexville, Almont, Wyandotte, Detroit Brewster-Pilgrim, Royal Oak. Since 1930 Hospital Chaplain for the Detroit Council of Church Women. Died: May 14, 1944, at Detroit.

Matthew Kelley. Born: April 19, 1869—Bathgate, Scotland. Education: McGill University, Montreal, Canada. Ordained: In 1896 at Watford, Canada. No Michigan pastorates—ministry being in Canada. Died: September 25, 1944, at Vermontville.

Frank Mitchell. Born: February 18, 1865, in England. Education: Public Schools of England; Oberlin, Ohio. Ordained in Mt. Hope Church, Detroit, June 27, 1894. Michigan pastorates: Vanderbilt, Gaylord. Died: April 30, 1944, at Detroit.

Clement J. Strang. Born: December 20, 1854—St. James, Beaver Island, Michigan. Education: Michigan State College, B.S. 1878; Andover Theological Seminary, B.D. 1881. Ordained: May 8, 1901, at Atwood, Michigan. Teacher in Benzonia, Michigan, 1906-10; Austin, Texas, 1910-12; Lincoln Academy, North Carolina, 1912-13; Benzonia, 1918-22. Michigan pastorates: Gilmore, Johannesburg, Long Rapids, Homestead. Died: Yankton, South Dakota, July 2, 1944.

Archie McCallum. Born: January 5, 1857—Ann Arbor, Michigan. Education: Public Schools of Michigan. Ordained: October 24, 1911, at Detroit. Pastorates: Metamora, Detroit Mt. Hope. Died: April 2, 1945, Pontiac, Michigan.

**BY-LAWS OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF
THE MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL AND
CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE**

Adopted May 19, 1943

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this society shall be the Women's Fellowship of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Women's Fellowship of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference shall be to enlist the cooperation of the Women's organizations of the local churches of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference by means of educational and inspirational programs to promote closer fellowship and to enlarge the sphere of activity and sense of responsibility, to further in every way possible the cause of Christ throughout the world. To receive, to hold and to allocate funds given and trusted to the Women's Fellowship.

ARTICLE III

Membership

All women within and of the Congregational and Christian Churches and any Women's organizations within these churches by virtue of their gifts or service shall constitute the membership of the society.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Election

SECTION 1. The officers of the Women's Fellowship of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference shall be: president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, secretary and treasurer. They shall be elected by the society.

SECTION 2. There shall be such departments of work and program as shall be necessary to cooperate effectively with the State Conference, the National Mission Boards, the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches and the National Fellowship of Congregational and Christian Women.

The departments shall be as follows: Devotional Life, Drama, Literature, Publicity, Social Action, Benevolence and Friendly Service.

The Chairman of each department shall be appointed by vote of the society.

SECTION 3. There shall be five (5) Members-at-Large, elected by the society.

SECTION 4. There shall be a Committee on Nominations consisting of three (3) members, appointed by vote of the society. The senior member shall be Chairman and shall serve on the Executive Board. All members of this committee shall be selected from the membership at large.

SECTION 5. The term of office shall be three (3) years. No officer, chairman of department, Member-at-Large or member of the Committee on Nominations shall be eligible for the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

SECTION 6. (a) The President, Treasurer, Chairman of Drama, Chairman of Publicity, Chairman of Friendly Service, one Member-at-Large and one (1) member of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected or appointed the same year.

(b) The 1st Vice-President, Secretary, Chairman of Devotional Life, Chairman of Benevolence, two Members-at-Large and one member of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected or appointed the same year.

(c) The 2nd Vice-President, Chairman of Literature, Chairman of Social Action, two Members-at-Large and one member of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected or appointed the same year.

SECTION 7. Election shall be by ballot, except when the number of candidates does not exceed the number to be elected, in which case the election may by unanimous consent be by Oral Vote at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 8. The Executive Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring on the Executive Board or on the Committee on Nominations in the interim of annual elections. The person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall serve during the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V

Administration

The work and program of the Women's Fellowship shall be in charge of the Executive Board and the Executive Committee as provided for hereinafter.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Board and Executive Committee

SECTION 1. The Executive Board of the Women's Fellowship of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference shall consist of the officers of the society, the Chairmen of Departments, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, five (5) Members-at-Large and the Presidents of the Associations, duly elected from their respective bodies. The wife of the Superintendent of the State Conference shall be an Honorary Member of the Executive Board.

SECTION 2 (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Executive Board and two (2) additional members appointed by the President from the Executive Board.

(b) It may hold meetings for emergency actions only in the interim of regular meetings of the Executive Board, and shall have all the powers of the Board, subject to ratification by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the society during the same week of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference annual meeting.

SECTION 2 (a) The Executive Board shall meet semi-annually, one meeting shall be held during the same week as the annual meeting of the society and the other meeting shall be held during the winter.

(b) Special Meetings of the Executive Board may be called upon the request of the president and two (2) other members of the Board or upon the request of any five (5) members of the Board.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President.

ARTICLE VIII

Quorum

SECTION 1. Twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum for the society.

SECTION 2. One-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Committees

SECTION 1. There shall be such committees as the Executive Board shall deem necessary to promote the purpose of the society.

SECTION 2. Standing and Special Committees shall be appointed by the President, and as the Executive Board may authorize.

ARTICLE X

Endowment Funds

The Endowment Funds of the Women's Fellowship of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference shall be in the hands of the State Conference. The income from said funds shall be disbursed upon an order from the Treasurer of the Women's Fellowship. The President may authorize expenditures included in the budget adopted annually by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at the annual meeting of the society, by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote, provided a quorum is present and the amendment has been approved by the Executive Board. Notice of such amendment having been given in the call of the meeting. The reading of the proposed amendment to the Executive Board shall be made at a regular meeting. Action for recommendation to the society shall take place at the next regular meeting of the Executive Board.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of this society.

STANDING RULES OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF THE MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL AND CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

RULE I

Duties of Executive Board Members

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the society, of the Executive Board and of the Executive Committee. She shall appoint all committees and designate the chairman thereof, unless otherwise directed. She shall be a member ex-officio of all committees and departments, except the Committee on Nominations. She shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference. She shall be a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Council of Church Women. She shall be allowed four (4) cents a mile for traveling expenses in the discharge of her duties. She shall authorize budget expenditures.

SECTION 2. The 1st Vice-President shall in the absence of the president preside and perform all other duties required of the president. She shall assist the president and cooperate with the Association Presidents in the promotion of the departments. She shall be a representative on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Council of Church Women.

SECTION 3. The 2nd Vice-President shall in the absence of both the president and the 1st vice-president, preside and perform all other duties required of the president. She shall represent the Women's Fellowship on the State Religious Education Committee and shall serve upon any other State Committee when such representation is desirable.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of all meetings of the society, of the Executive Board and of the Executive Committee, reading them in their respective bodies. She shall send copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and Executive Committee to all members of the Executive Board. She shall see that notices are sent for all business meetings, both regular and special. She shall notify officers, chairmen of departments, Members-at-Large and members of the Committee on Nominations of their elections or appointments and shall receive and file the written reports of the officers, departments and committees. She shall assist the president in the correspondence of the Executive Board.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall receive monies and disburse the same upon the order of the president, the Executive Board having authorized budget expenditures. The Treasurer shall see that the books are closed January 10th of each year for the annual audit. She shall present to the Board at each regular meeting, a statement of receipts, expenditures and bills outstanding and at the annual meeting a certified financial statement.

SECTION 6. The Chairman of the Devotional Life Department shall acquaint herself with the books and materials recommended for prayer circles, group and family worship, and prepare such helps as will assist in the further development of the devotional life of the members and churches in the Women's Fellowship. She shall be responsible for making the resources and materials of the department available to the members and churches in the society. She shall report regularly to the Executive Board the work and progress of the department.

SECTION 7. The Chairman of the Drama Department shall keep in touch

with the plays and materials of religious significance which she can recommend to the groups in the Women's Fellowship. She shall seek to encourage the use of drama in the churches. She shall keep the Board informed of the developments within the department.

SECTION 8. The Chairman of the Literature Department shall acquaint herself with the subjects and materials recommended by the Missionary Education Movement, the Missions Council, the Foreign and Home Boards and the State Conference. She shall be responsible for making the resources and materials available to the members and churches in the Women's Fellowship. She shall assist the church groups in the development of missionary education and programs of religious significance. She shall report regularly to the Executive Board the work and progress of the department.

SECTION 9. The Chairman of the Publicity Department shall receive the articles covering the programs and activities of the church groups in the Women's Fellowship. She shall adapt these for the Women's Page of the Michigan Conference News and see that this material reaches the State Conference office by the dead line date. She shall also submit to the "Envelope Series," "Guide Posts" and the "Advance," items of special interest to all churches. She shall assist in promoting the circulation of the "Michigan Conference News," "Advance," "Missionary Herald," "Social Action," "Envelope Series," "Guide Posts" and the "Church Woman" throughout the member churches. She shall report annually to the Executive Board the approximate number of subscriptions to the above magazines from the Women's Fellowship. She shall also keep the Board in touch with the needs of the department.

SECTION 10. The Chairman of Social Action Department shall acquaint herself with the subjects and materials recommended by "The Council for Social Action." She shall seek to develop within the Women's Fellowship interest and support of the work of the Council. She shall assist in the promotion of the circulation of the Social Action magazine. She shall keep in touch with legislation and questions affecting vital social issues, which concern the work of the Women's Fellowship; recommending action and reporting the developments of the department to the Executive Board.

SECTION 11. The Chairman of the Benevolence Department shall seek to promote among the churches of the state, Stewardship and Thank-Offering Programs recommended by the National Boards and the State Conference and prepare such helps as will assist the churches in the support of the Benevolence Goal. She shall report regularly to the Board the churches co-operating and the growth of the department.

SECTION 12. The Chairman of the Friendly Service Department shall receive from the National Board the quotas assigned to Michigan. She shall divide the quotas and reassign to the Women's Fellowship of the Associations, according to their ability to perform. She shall become familiar with the institutions served by the department through the medium of the "Information Service" and other literature from the Missions Council. She shall seek to cultivate throughout the Women's Fellowship a desire to promote programs that will keep the members informed about these institutions. She shall present an annual report to the Executive Board and shall keep the Board informed of the work and progress of the department.

SECTION 13. The members of the Executive Board who are elected as Members-at-Large shall cooperate with and promote the program of the departments in expanding the work of the Women's Fellowship. They shall be ready at all times to assist the President in all matters relating to the Women's Fellowship.

SECTION 14. The Committee on Nominations shall make their report to the annual meeting of the society, when further nominations shall be allowed

from the floor. It shall also, as required during the interim between annual elections, recommend nominees for vacancies occurring on the Executive Board and Committee on Nominations in accordance with the By-Laws. The senior member shall be Chairman and shall serve on the Executive Board.

RULE II

Order of Business

1. Call to Order and response to the Roll Call.
2. Devotions.
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Reading of Communications and Presentation of Bills.
6. Reports of Officers.
7. Reports of Chairmen of Departments.
8. Reports of Presidents of Associations.
9. Reports of Standing Committees.
10. Reports of Special Committees.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. New Business.
13. Program.
14. Adjournment.

RULE III

Amendments

These Standing Rules may be amended at the annual meeting of the society, by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote, provided a quorum is present and the amendment has been approved by the Executive Board.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of this society.

(Please note corrections in 1945 "Proceedings.")

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF THE MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL- CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Women's Fellowship of the Michigan Congregational and Christian Conference opened with a luncheon held in Plymouth Church of Lansing at 12:30 on May 17th, 1945, with Miss Frances Dunnette, president, presiding.

Mrs. Reuben Moore gave the Invocation. The luncheon table was centered with a lighted globe of the world and was surrounded by dolls dressed to represent women from all parts of the world.

Seated at the speakers table were also the Chairmen of the Seven Departments of the Fellowship who were presented by Miss Dunnette. The tables through the center of the room were filled with "Divinity Dames" who this year combined their luncheon with the luncheon of the Fellowship. Mrs. David Elliott of Lansing was chairman of the luncheon arrangements.

Following the luncheon the meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Dunnette. Mrs. Harold Skidmore led the devotions.

Business conducted:

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

The following Amendments to the By-Laws and Standing Rules were presented and it was voted to adopt them as recommended by the Executive Board: (Print Amendments)

By-Laws

Article IV, Section 2—STRIKE OUT Literature and Drama and INSERT Missionary Education and Christian Education.

Article IV, Section 6a—STRIKE OUT Drama and INSERT Christian Education.

Article IV, Section 6c—STRIKE OUT Literature and INSERT Missionary Education.

Standing Rules

Rule I, Section 7—STRIKE OUT the whole section and INSERT whole new section as follows:

The Chairman of the Christian Education Department shall provide literature and materials, regarding phases of Christian Family Life, recommending effective religious programs for women's organizations. She shall encourage the use of "The Curriculum Guide for the Church," which includes the "World Service Course," and urge members of the Women's Fellowship to offer their services in the interest of the Christian Education Program of the churches. She shall foster "study and interest groups" on all phases of the Church and Religion. She shall assist in creating interest and thereby attendance at the summer conferences, especially the Olivet Christian Education Adult Institute, calling upon the churches to send leaders for further training. She shall keep the Board informed of the growth of the department. She shall serve as a member of the Michigan Conference Board of Christian Education.

Rule I, Section 8—STRIKE OUT the whole section and INSERT whole new section as follows:

The Chairman of the Missionary Education Department shall acquaint herself with the subjects and materials recommended by the Missionary Education Movement, the Missions Council, and the State Conference. She shall be responsible for making the resources and materials available to the members and churches in the Women's Fellowship. She shall assist the church groups development of Missionary Education and Missionary Programs. She shall report regularly to the Executive Board the work and progress of the department. She shall serve as a member of the Michigan Conference Committee on Missionary Education.

Rule I, Section 10—INSERT, She shall serve as a member of the Michigan Conference Committee on Social Relations.

Rule I, Section 10—INSERT, She shall serve as a member of the Michigan Conference Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life.

Rule I, Section 3—STRIKE OUT, She shall represent the Women's Fellowship on the State Religious Education Committee and shall serve upon any other State Committee when such representation is desirable. INSERT, She shall serve as Chairman of the Speaker's Bureau, which will be composed of persons within Associations who are qualified to speak on subjects that concern the Women's Fellowship.

The mimeographed reports of the officers and chairmen of departments were accepted and filed.

A slate of officers was presented by Mrs. Keith Elliot, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations. There were no other nominations and as there was only one candidate for each office, there was a unanimous vote to elect the officers as presented.

Mrs. Gillis Vandenberg, Chairman of the Program Committee, presented a symposium, "Women's Imperatives," representing women in the field of:

Health and Healing.....	Mrs. Russel Cole
Politics and Public Affairs.....	Mrs. Fredric Chamberlain
Education—Home and School.....	Mrs. Keith Elliott
Religion—Christian Worker.....	Mrs. Roland Evans

The afternoon was highlighted by an address by Dr. Frank Laubach on "Women's Share in the New World." It was a great inspiration to listen to this "Apostle of Literacy" and when he said that he wished that he could "place the world in the hands of women" he made us soberly realize that a great responsibility does indeed rest on each one of us.

Dr. Laubach closed the meeting with prayer.

MRS. CLARA PARKHURST, Secretary.

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—1945-46**

President—Miss Frances Dunnette, 619 Parkwood N.E., Grand Rapids (1948)
1st Vice President—Mrs. Robert Lattin, 15231 Forrer, Detroit 27 (1947)
2nd Vice President—Mrs. David Elliott, 620 Grand, Lansing (1946)
Treasurer—Mrs. Fay R. Stokes, 415 West Grand River, East Lansing (1948)
Secretary—Mrs. Wm. Parkhurst, 609 College Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids (1947)
Benevolence—Mrs. S. B. Wenger, 934 Cooper, Jackson (1947)
Devotional Life—Mrs. Harold Skidmore, 324 Chesterfield Parkway, East Lansing (1947)
Christian Education—Mrs. Donald Olson, 16615 Fenmore, Detroit 27 (1948)
Friendly Service—Mrs. Reuben R. Moore, 1319 Oakland Drive, St. Clair (1948)
Missionary Education—Mrs. R. S. Evans, 14647 Artesian, Detroit 23 (1946)
Publicity—Mrs. Thomas Nadal, Olivet (1946)
Social Action—Mrs. Glenn Utterback, 136 Calumet St., Laurium (1946)

Association Presidents

Central—Miss Estella Davis, Olivet
Cheboygan—Mrs. R. F. Hastie, 207 Lewis, Alpena
Detroit—Mrs. L. R. Martin, 628 Middlesex Bend, Grosse Pointe
Gladstone—Mrs. Gerald Smith, Rapid River
Grand Rapids—Mrs. Gillis Vandenberg, 1804 Lake Drive, Grand Rapids
Grand Traverse—Mrs. Asa Case, Box 245, Benzonia
Jackson—Mrs. L. C. Weaver, Clinton
Kalamazoo—Mrs. Keith Elliott, 160 Union N., Battle Creek
Muskegon—Mrs. Robert Mason, Hart
Lake Superior—Mrs. Wayne Waters, Hancock
Sault Ste. Marie—Mrs. Mae Byers, Sault Ste. Marie, R. R. 2

Members-at-Large

Mrs. Earl Collins, Grand Rapids (1947)
Mrs. Ray Caldwell, St. Johns (1947)
Mrs. Russel Cole, Detroit (1946)
Mrs. Roy Plant, Battle Creek (1946)
Mrs. L. C. Weaver, Clinton (1948)

Committee on Nominations

Mrs. L. M. Isaacs, Gaylord, Chairman (1946)
Mrs. Earl Blinn, Jackson (1947)
Mrs. L. E. VanAntwerp, Benton Harbor (1948)

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

Central—Organized October 14, 1845

Registrar—Rev. Ward K. Klopp, Durand.

Churches—Au Gres, Bancroft, Bay City, Breckenridge, Bridgeport, Carmel, Carson City, Charlotte, Clare, Durand, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Eureka, Flint, Freeland, Grand Blanc, Grand Ledge, Harrison, Highland, Laingsburg, Lansing Mayflower, Lansing Pilgrim, Lansing Plymouth, Maple Rapids, Merrill, Olivet, Onondaga, Ovid, Owosso, Perry, Portland, Saginaw, St. Johns, Vermontville, Vernon, Victor.

Ministers—Robert M. Barksdale, Robert M. Bartlett, Arie Binkhorst, Victor F. Brown, Ray T. Caldwell, W. R. Catton, Edward Dull, Gordon L. Giddings, Elmer E. Hoats, Rex Holman, Ward K. Klopp, A. H. Lash, Otto J. Lyon, Carl Martenson, Russell McConnell, Russel J. Myers, Thomas W. Nadal, Malcolm G. Powley, C. W. Punter, Harold T. Scott, Albert D. Stauffacher, Frederick P. Sprague, James M. Turner, Dale Turner, Harold Watson, Clayton H. Zuse.

Licentiate—Benjamin I. Davies.

Cheboygan—Organized February 13, 1878

Registrar—Rev. James B. Ellison, Wolverine.

Churches—Alpena, Atlanta, Big Rock, Central Lake, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Gaylord, Ironton, Kalkaska, Evergreen, Lewiston, Long Rapids, Luzerne, Roscommon, Vanderbilt, Wolverine.

Ministers—Clark G. Adams, James B. Ellison, Donald Evans, A. R. Gold, Charles Hastie, L. M. Isaacs, Albert W. Kauffman, A. J. Parker, Oliver S. Page, Clayton H. Stowe, Arthur A. Wall.

Detroit—Organized May 4, 1887

Registrar—Rev. Alexander M. Meikle, First Congregational Church, Detroit.

Churches—Detroit Armenian, Detroit Bethel, Detroit Boulevard, Detroit Brewster-Pilgrim, Detroit Bushnell, Detroit First, Detroit Greenfield, Detroit Grosse Pointe, Detroit Highland Park, Detroit Mayflower, Detroit Mt. Hope, Detroit North Woodward, Detroit Plymouth, Dearborn, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Maybee, Metamora, Oxford, Pontiac, Rochester, Rockwood, Royal Oak, Wayne, Wyandotte.

Ministers—Glen R. Asplin, Erwin Britton, Myron R. Bunnell, Robert E. Burt, James S. Caskey, Ralph P. Claggett, R. Russell Denison, George E. Drew, Ralph H. Ferris, Howard S. Fox, Charles F. Goudey, George E. Gullen, James C. Hagaman, F. Ervin Hyde, Norman H. Jackson, Walter M. Jackson, Henry A. Jessup, Henry B. Johnson, H. A. Kartoian, Carl R. Key, Thomas Leggette, Joseph Q. Mayne, James C. Mead, Alexander Meikle, Charles H. Myers, Frederick Peggs, John H. Prentis, John D. Rose, Charles W. Scheid, Nathaniel Skidmore, Roger Eddy Treat, Wm. Thomas Watson.

Eastern—Organized February 12, 1840

Registrar—Rev. Clyde Wilcox, St. Clair.

Churches—Almont, Armada, Columbus, Imlay City, Memphis, New Baltimore, New Haven, Port Huron First, Port Huron Ross Memorial, Port Huron Sturges Memorial, Richmond, Romeo, St. Clair.

Ministers—Carl H. Anderson, P. Arthur Arnold, John H. Balfour, Oscar P. Bollman, Clarence M. Burkholder, John W. Rahill, Thomas S. Vernon, Brooks A. Warren, Clyde Wilcox, Clarence Young.

Gladstone—Organized August 29, 1888

Registrar—Mrs. Edith Heafield, Garden.
Churches—Cooks, Fayette, Garden, Isabella, Rapid River.
Minister—Gerald A. Smith.

Grand Rapids—Organized January 8, 1856

Registrar—Rev. Walter M. Swann, Grant.
Churches—Ada, Alpine Trinity, Belding, Bostwick Lake, Bradley, Butternut, Clarksville, Coral, Crystal, Douglas, East Nelson, Grand Rapids Burlingame, Grand Rapids Comstock Park, Grand Rapids East, Grand Rapids Park, Grand Rapids Plymouth, Grand Rapids Second, Grand Rapids Smith, Grand Rapids South, Grand Rapids Wallin, Grandville-Jenison, Grant, Greenville, Hopkins Second, Hudsonville, Lake Odessa, Lowell, Moline, Nevins Lake, Rockford, Saranac, Saugatuck, Sidney, Stanton, Wayland.

Ministers—Glen Aldrich, Arthur Anderson, Estle C. Barnes, Gary Bousman, John A. Cole, Earl F. Collins, Albert Dawe, Edith Dorrell, Hubert S. Ellis, E. Richard Evans, H. Butler Fairman, John A. Hanning, Charles M. Houser, George E. Hughes, Edward Humphrey, Harold T. Janes, Frank T. Jensen, Theodore Jorgensen, Horace E. Maycroft, Herbert McConnell, Charles W. Merriam, Anthony A. Nelson, St. Clare Parsons, Harry Pollard, June K. Pollard, Albert E. Potts, Henry L. Rust, Harold N. Skidmore, Walter M. Swann, Boyd R. Swem, E. Archibald Thompson, Paul F. Voelker, Egbert Winter, Norman G. Woon.
Licentiate—Leland E. Sumner.

Grand Traverse—Organized January 1, 1863

Registrar—Rev. Albert B. Eby, Benzonia.
Churches—Benzonia, Buckley, Cadillac, Eden, Frankfort, Homestead, Honor, Kalkaska, Lake City, Manistee, Northport, Old Mission, Onekama, Suttons Bay, Thompsonville, Traverse City First, Traverse City Oak Park.

Ministers—Thomas Ainslie, Alfred Bentall, Raymond L. Boadway, Philip D. Dutton, Albert B. Eby, Griffith Evans, Philip Gregory, John T. Henry, George Lomas, G. Russell Parker, W. Howard Thomlinson, Lewis N. Tillson, Howard R. Towne.
Licentiate—Karl W. Wildt.

Jackson—Organized May 17, 1842

Registrar—Rev. W. H. Skentelbury, Chelsea.
Churches—Addison, Ann Arbor, Bethel, Britton, Chelsea, Clinton, Dexter, Dundee, East Gilead, Grass Lake, Hudson, Jackson First, Jackson Plymouth, Kinderhook, Leslie, Litchfield, Morenci, Pinckney, Pittsford, Prattville, Ransom, Salem First, Salem Second, Sandstone, Somerset, Tipton, Webster, West Adrian, Wheatland, Ypsilanti.
Ministers—Ray W. Barber, Thomas E. Bennett, Donald D. Brady, E. A. Carnes, Harvey C. Colburn, Hubert N. Dukes, George A. Emerich,

Wm. D. Farrar, Arthur E. Gay, John S. Gillespie, Clarence B. Gould, Edmund E. Gunther, Wm. O. Hainsworth, Ray M. Hardy, Lawrence Horning, Wm. J. Hunter, Serge Hummon, John D. McLouth, Leonard A. Parr, Anne L. Pearse, Wm. J. Prestidge, Ozro E. Priest, Marshall Rector, Wm. H. Skentelbury, Gordon C. Speer, Lucia M. Stroh, Samuel B. Wenger, Charles F. Wolf.

Kalamazoo—Organized June 1, 1849

Registrar—Rev. Lawrence E. Tenhopen, South Haven.
Churches—Alamo, Allegan, Athens, Bangor, Baroda, Battle Creek, Bedford, Benton Harbor, Bridgman, Bronson, Coloma, Constantine, Cooper, Covert, Dowagiac, Eau Claire, Fredonia, Galesburg, Grand Junction, Kalamazoo, Lawrence, Leonidas, Leroy, Mattawan, Otsego, Pullman, St. Joseph, Sawyer, South Haven, Texas, Three Oaks, Union City, Watervliet.

Ministers—Howard A. Blanning, Donald C. Bourne, Robert J. Burgess, Lyman V. Cady, James R. Cullen, Don L. De Coursey, Oviatt E. Desmond, Wm. E. Goltz, Roger W. Gough, Percy L. Graham, George C. Horst, Mark G. Inghram, Lawrence O. Johnson, Wm. A. Keith, Robert J. Locke, Alpheus M. Lusk, Gerald E. Maggart, R. L. McCleary, H. A. Miles, Carleton B. Miller, George Raymond Myers, John D. Perrin, Warren S. Shelley, Lawrence E. Tenhopen, Frederick Williams, Wm. P. Woodward, C. Floyd Wright.

Licentiate—Seth Clay.

Lake Superior—Organized August 12, 1879

Registrar—Wayne L. Waters, Hancock.
Churches—Calumet, Chassel, Hancock, Hubbell, Lake Linden.
Ministers—Glenn L. Utterback, Wayne L. Waters.

Muskegon—Organized January 13, 1854

Registrar—Rev. John Gehring, Hart.
Churches—Baldwin, Big Prairie, Big Rapids First, Custer, Fremont, Fruitfort, Hart, Hersey, Lakeview, Ludington, Muskegon First, Muskegon Jackson Street, Muskegon McGraft, Newaygo, Reed City, Shelby, Six Lakes, Whitehall.
Ministers—Alfred L. Allard, Coral F. Badder, Motier C. Bullock, Paul H. Clark, John W. Erskine, John Gehring, Horace B. Loomis, Arthur E. Jervis, Samuel N. Oliver, Clarence D. Oberlin, Duncan M. Olmstead, Charles L. Pendleton, Frederick Pinch, C. E. Taggart, John C. Willits.

Sault Ste. Marie—Organized March 17, 1880

Registrar—Mrs. Russell Osborne, Sault Ste. Marie, R. D. No. 2.
Churches—Allenville, Brimley, Drummond, Mackinac Island, Pine Grove, Rosedale.

NAMES OF MINISTERS

Members of the Michigan Congregational Conference with date of ordination, post office address, and the initials of the Local Association with which they are connected.

Name	Residence	Date	Ass'n
Adams, Clark G.	Atlanta	1909	C.
Ainslie, Thomas	Traverse City, Brosch Rd., R. D. 1	1913	G. T.
Aldrich, Glen E.	Evart	1941	G. R.
Allard, Alfred L.	Pinckney	1925	M.
Anderson, Arthur	Omaha, Nebr., 206 N. 17th St.		
Anderson, Carl H.	Almont	1942	E.
Arnold, P. Arthur	Richmond, Box 70	1911	E.
Asplin, Glen R.	Lennon	1922	D.
Badder, Coral F.	Big Rapids	1914	M.
Balfour, John H.	Imlay City	1914	E.
Barber, Ray W.	Dearborn, 23221 Hollander	1921	J.
Barksdale, Robert M.	Bay City, 1719 9th St.	1935	Central
Bartlett, Robert M.	Lansing, 213 W. Allegan	1924	Central
Barnes, Estle C.	Comstock Park, 4023 River Rd.	1927	G. R.
Bennett, Thomas E.	Traverse City	1907	J.
Bentall, Alfred A.	Lansing, 1238 W. Michigan	1902	G. T.
Binkhorst, Arie	Olivet	1895	Central
Blanning, Howard A.	Benton Harbor	1914	K.
Boadway, Raymond L.	Manistee	1933	G. T.
Bollman, Oscar Phillip	Romeo	1940	E.
Bourne, Donald S.	Chaplain, U. S. A.	1938	K.
Bousman, Gary	Chaplain, U. S. A.	1939	G. R.
Brady, Donald D.	Jackson, 1061 Chapin St.	1929	J.
Britton, Erwin	Wayne, 35122 Main St.	1941	D.
Brown, Victor F.	Eaton Rapids	1893	Central
Burgess, Robert J.	Rochester	1939	K.
Burkholder, Clarence M.	Port Huron, 2651 Electric Ave.	1897	E.
Burt, Robert E.	Detroit, 18915 Monica Ave.	1939	D.
Bullock, Motier C.	Grand Blanc	1906	M.
Bunnell, Myron R.	Detroit, 2625 Queen Ave.	1932	D.
Cady, Lyman V.	Prof. Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.	1916	K.
Caldwell, Ray T.	St. Johns	1914	Central
Carnes, E. A.	Bloomington	1912	J.
Caskey, James S.	Detroit 8, 1512 W. Grand River	1931	D.
Catton, Wm. R.	Chaplain, U. S. N.	1922	Central
Clagget, Ralph P.	Pontiac, 73 Miami Rd.	1926	D.
Clark, Paul Haskell	Ludington, 109 N. Harrison	1925	M.
Cole, John A.	Chicago, Ill., 7938 Cranden	1893	G. R.
Colburn, Harvey C.	Ypsilanti, 1122 Pearl St.	1903	J.
Collins, Earl F.	Grand Rapids, 938 Sheldon, S. E.	1919	G. R.
Cullen, James R.	Lansing, c/o Y. M. C. A.	1923	K.
Dawe, Albert	Douglas	1916	Central
De Coursey, Don L.	Dowagiac	1940	K.
Denison, R. Russell	Detroit 1, 33 E. Forest	1928	D.
Desmond, Oviatt E.	Battle Creek, First Cong'l Church	1944	K.
Dorrell, Edith	Grand Rapids, 403 Leonard N. W.	1935	G. R.
Drew, George E.	Detroit 4, 4308 Pasadena Ave.	1932	D.

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Dukes, Hubert N.	Jackson, 115 3rd St.	1922	J.
Dull, L. Edward	Maple Rapids	1916	Central
Dutton, Phillip D.	Benzonia	1916	G. T.
Eby, Albert B.	Benzonia	1901	G. T.
Ellis, Hubert S.	Belding	1912	G. R.
Ellison, James B.	Wolverine	1936	C.
Emerich, George A.	Hillsdale, 10 North St.	1907	J.
Erskine, John W.	Evart	1900	M.
Evans, E. Richard	Grand Rapids, 1216 Seneca S. W.	1916	G. R.
Evans, Donald R.	East Lansing, 415 W. Grand River	1939	C.
Evans, Griffith	Onkama	1901	G. T.
Fairman, H. Butler	Grand Rapids, 619 Hall St. S. W.	1937	G. R.
Farrer, Wm. D.	Pellston, Box 23	1904	J.
Ferris, Ralph Hall	East Lansing, 819 Huntington Dr.	1906	D.
Fox, Howard S.	Detroit 8, 5653 Stanton	1914	D.
Gay, Arthur E.	Grass Lake	1914	M.
Gehring, John	Hart	1938	M.
Giddings, Gordon L.	Grand Ledge	1940	Central
Gillespie, John S.	Charleston, W. Va., 229½ Capital	1896	J.
Gold, A. Reginald	Lakeview	1926	Central
Goltz, Wm. E.	Hartford, 434 Linden St.	1919	K.
Goudey, Charles F.	Detroit 6, 2929 Philadelphia N. W.	1934	D.
Gough, Roger W.	Allegan	1932	K.
Gould, Clarence B.	Endicott, N. Y.	1926	J.
Graham, Percy L.	Otsego	1923	K.
Gregory, Philip H.	Kalkaska	1929	G. T.
Gullen, George E.	Detroit 26, 914 Lafayette Bldg	1909	D.
Gunther, Edmund E.	Ann Arbor, 1115 Lincoln	1912	J.
Hageman, James C.	Detroit 21, 15377 Holmur Ave.	1897	D.
Hainsworth, Wm.	Dexter	1924	J.
Hanning, John A.	Grand Rapids, 755 Sheldon S. E.	1907	G. R.
Hardy, Ray M.	Detroit	1912	J.
Hastie, Charles B.	Chaplain, U. S. A.	1921	C.
Henry, John T.	Chaplain, U. S. A.	1921	G. T.
Hoats, Elmer E.	Lansing, 1011 Eureka St.	1931	Central
Holman, Rex O.	Midland	1919	Central
Horning, Lawrence	Leslie	1914	J.
Horst, George C.	Racine, Wis., c/o J. I. Case Co.	1925	K.
Houser, Charles M.	Grand Rapids, 946 Giddings S. E.	1927	G. R.
Hughes, George E.	Brooklyn, N. Y., 156 St. Johns Place	1908	G. R.
Humphrey, Edward H.	Lake Odessa	1916	G. R.
Hummon Serge	Hudson	1945	J.
Hunter, Wm. J.	Coldwater, R. D. 2	1919	J.
Hyde, F. Ervin	Royal Oak, 702 Woodcrest Dr.	1931	D.
Inghram, Mark G.	Union City	1910	K.
Isaacs, L. Myrven	Gaylord	1913	C.
Jackson, Walter N.	Detroit 10, 8641 Grandmont Ave.	1924	D.
Jackson, H. Norman	Wyandotte, 2637 First St.	1924	D.
Janes, Harold T.	Grand Rapids, 294 Rosewood S. E.	1929	G. R.

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Jensen, Frank T.	Grand Rapids, 106 N. Colfax N. E.	1932	G. R.
Jervis, Arthur E.	Whitehall	1918	M.
Jessup, Henry	Redlands, Calif., 222 W. Pioneer Ave.	1921	D.
Johnson, Henry B.	Oxford, 28 Dennison St.	1915	D.
Johnson, Lawrence G.	Coloma	1945	K.
Jorgenson, Theodore	Marne	1906	G. R.
Kartozian, Haroutine A.	San Francisco, Calif.	1913	D.
Kauffman, Albert W.	Alpena	1920	C.
Keith, Wm. A.	Kalamazoo, 2324 Crane Ave.	1926	K.
Key, Carl R.	Detroit 23, 15050 Southfield Rd.	1935	D.
Klopp, Ward K.	Durand	1920	Central
Lash, Abram H.	Ann Arbor, 1414 Washington	1897	Central
Leggett, Thomas E.	Ann Arbor, 1420 Brooklyn Ave.	1897	D.
Locke, Robert J.	Kalamazoo, 422 Stuart Ave.	1903	K.
Lomas, George	Frankfort	1942	G. T.
Loomis, Horace B.	Fremont	1943	M.
Lusk, Alpheus M.	Chaplain, U. S. N.	1941	K.
Lyon, Otto J.	Novi	1911	Central
McCleary, R. L.	Bronson	1935	K.
McConnell, Herbert	Grand Rapids, R. D. 2	1898	G. R.
McConnell, Russell H.	Chaplain, U. S. N.	1934	Central
McLouth, John D.	Addison	1926	J.
Maggart, Gerald E.	Kansas City, Mo.	1934	K.
Martenson, Carl	Saginaw, First Cong'l Church	1932	C.
Maycroft, Horace E.	Saugatuck	1922	G. R.
Mayne, Joseph Q.	Detroit 26, 907 Washington Blvd. Bg.	1931	D.
Mead, James C.	Winnetka, Ill., 1152 Cherry St.	1933	D.
Meikle, Alexander M.	Detroit 1, 33 Forest E.	1911	D.
Merriam, Charles W.	Grand Rapids 3, 33 Lafayette S. E.	1901	G. R.
Miles, Herbert A.	Galesburg	1904	K.
Miller, Carleton B.	Battle Creek, First Cong'l Church	1918	K.
Myers, Charles Haven	Detroit 2, 8715 Woodward Ave.	1909	D.
Myers, Russel E.	Lansing, 1315 W. Hillsdale St.	1940	Central
Myers, Geo. Raymond	Chaplain, U. S. A.	1942	K.
Nadal, Thomas W.	Olivet	1941	Central
Nelson, Anthony A.	Rockford	1932	G. R.
Oberlin, Clarence D.	Muskegon, 1288 Montgomery Ave.	1913	M.
Oliver, Samuel N.	Muskegon, 475 W. Webster	1920	M.
Olmstead, Duncan M.	Baldwin	1924	M.
Page Oliver S.	Roscommon	1945	C.
Parker, G. Russell	Northport	1914	G. T.
Parker, Arthur J.	Central Lake	1919	C.
Parr, Leonard A.	Ann Arbor	1904	J.
Parsons, St. Clare	Greenville	1908	G. R.
Pearse, Anne L.	U. S. WAVES	1937	J.
Peggs, Frederick J.	Detroit, 1027 Waterman	1919	D.
Pendleton, Charles L.	Chaplain, U. S. A.	1943	C.
Perrin, John D.	Athens	1903	K.
Pinch, Frederick	Grand Rapids, 240 Burton S. W.	1909	M.

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Pollard, Harry	Grand Rapids, 225 S. Division	1910	G. R.
Pollard, June	Grand Rapids, 225 S. Division	1917	G. R.
Potts, Albert E.	Grand Rapids, 911 Franklin S. E.	1918	G. R.
Powley, Malcom G.	Flint, 420 W. Fifth St.	1897	Central
Prentis, John H.	Detroit 2, 1230 Chicago Blvd	1903	D.
Prestidge, Wm. J.	Deerfield	1902	J.
Priest, Ozro E.	Clinton	1931	J.
Punter, Charles W.	Iowa	1914	Central
Rahill, John W.	Port Huron, 715 Court St.	1916	E.
Rector, Marshall	Pittsford	1944	J.
Rose, John D.	Detroit 2, 8715 Woodward Ave.	1943	D.
Rust, Henry L.	Rockford, R. D. 2	1913	G. R.
Scheid, Charles W.	Grosse Pointe 30, 707 University	1933	D.
Scott, Harold	Flint, 803 Clifford	1940	Central
Shelley, Warren S.	Saginaw, 2009 Handley St.	1909	K.
Skentelbury, Wm. H.	Chelsea, 211 E. Middle St.	1912	J.
Skidmore, Nathaniel	Flat Rock	1913	D.
Skidmore, Harold N.	East Lansing, 415 W. Grand River	1926	G. R.
Smith, Gerald A.	Rapid River	1938	Gl.
Speer, Gordon C.	Ypsilanti, 214 N. Adams St.	1910	J.
Sprague, Frederick P.	Vermontville	1896	Central
Stowe, Clayton H.	Chaplain, U. S. A.	1933	C.
Stroh, Lucia M.	Salem	1914	J.
Swann, Walter M.	Grant	1902	G. R.
Swem, Boyd R.	Middletown, N. Y., 103 Grand Ave.	1933	G. R.
Taggart, Charles E.	Charlotte	1886	M.
Tenhopen, Lawrence E.	South Haven	1929	K.
Thomlinson, W. Howard	Manistee, River St.	1904	G. T.
Thompson, Edward A.	Grand Rapids, Park Cong'l Church	1914	G. R.
Tilson, Lewis N.	Cadillac	1929	G. T.
Towne, Howard R.	Traverse City	1927	G. T.
Treat, Roger Eddy	Detroit 23, 15050 Southfield Rd.	1916	D.
Turner, James M.	Deckerville	1911	Central
Turner, Dale E.	Lansing, Plymouth Cong'l Church	1943	Central
Utterback, Glenn E.	Laurium, 136 Calumet St.	1941	L. S.
Vernon, Thomas S.	Armada	1936	E.
Voelker, Paul F.	Grand Rapids, 1919 E. Leonard Rd.	1943	G. R.
Wall, Arthur A.	Central Lake	1883	C.
Warren, Brooks A.	Richmond	1903	E.
Waters, Wayne L.	Hancock, 208 Harris St.	1908	L. S.
Watson, Wm. Thomas	Detroit 2, 695 Hazelwood Ave.	1937	D.
Watson, Harold	Clare	1937	Central
Wenger, Samuel B.	Jackson, 934 Cooper St.	1923	J.
Wilcox, Clyde H.	St. Clair	1927	E.
Williams, Frederick	Baroda	1937	K.
Willetts, John C.	Muskegon, 336 Wood St.	1891	M.
Winter, Egbert	Holland, Hope College	1923	G. R.
Wolf, Charles F.	Ypsilanti, 1017 Washtenaw	1924	J.

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Woodward, Wm. P.	Chaplain, U. S. N. R.	1921	K.
Woon, Norman G.	Lowell.	1917	G. R.
Wright, C. Floyd	New Troy.	1943	K.
Young, Clarence	Blissfield.	1915	E.
Zuse, Clayton H.	Barryton, Mich.	1920	Central

Licentiates

Seth Clay, Eau Claire	Leland E. Sumner, Grand Rapids
Benjamin I. Davies, Portland	Karl W. Wildt, Thompsonville

1944 CHURCH CLERKS

Ada—Mrs. Lenna Cramton
Addison—Mrs. Bernice Hard
Alamo—Miss Ines E. Barbour, Kalamazoo, R. D. No. 4, Box 127
Allegan—Franklin M. Douglas, 500 N. Cedar St.
Allenville—Mrs. Ethel C. Kelley
Almont—Mrs. W. K. Bristol, Almont, R. D. No. 2
Alpena—Miss Ruth Huyck, 223 McKinley Ave.
Alpine Trinity—Mrs. Evelyn Dunnette, Grand Rapids, R. D. No. 2
Ann Arbor—Mrs. C. C. Meloche, 3060 Dover St., R. D. No. 5
Armada—Mrs. Harold E. Day
Athens—Miss Marjorie L. Holcomb
Atlanta—Mrs. Isabella Briley
Au Gres—Philip Heinrich, Jr.
Baldwin—Mrs. Sara Thomas
Bancroft—A. J. Anthony
Bangor—Mrs. Harold W. Freestone, 112 Arlington St.
Baroda—Miss Mabel G. Nold
Battle Creek—Millard Vandervoort, 145 Capital Ave., N.E.
Bay City—George E. Butterfield, 2600 Center Ave.
Bedford—Mrs. Oscar Morse, Battle Creek, R. R. No. 3
Belding—Ambrose Spencer
Benton Harbor—Miss Jessie Morgan, 506 Edwards
Benzonia—Mrs. Edwin L. Nevius
Big Prairie—Mrs. Marion Larkin, White Cloud, R. D. No. 1
Big Rapids—Mrs. Ethel White, 218 Pine St.
Big Rock—Mrs. Floyd Secrist, Atlanta
Bostwick Lake—Harold Kitson, Rockford, R. D. No. 2
Breckenridge—Mrs. Eva J. Douglas, Box 42
Bridgeport—Wm. McNally
Bridgman—Mrs. Mead S. Beacraft
Brimley—Mrs. Abbie McIver
Britton—Mrs. C. J. Smith
Bronson—Mrs. Alwyn Westaway
Buckley—Mrs. C. C. Campbell
Butternut—Reva Teed
Cadillac—Rae E. Johnston, 201 E. Nelson St.
Calumet—Walter Handke, 133 Woodland, Laurium
Carmel—Mrs. Leon Bracy, Charlotte, R. D. No. 2
Carson City—Mrs. Caroline Hallett
Central Lake—Mrs. Wm. Bowers
Charlevoix—Mrs. Angus Fochtman
Charlotte—Miss Cora Chappell, 319 W. Lovett
Cheboygan—Miss Blossom Eilers, 119 S. "E" St.
Chelsea—Mrs. Henry C. Schneider, 149 E. Middle St.
Clare—Mrs. Norris A. Elden, 304 E. Sixth St.
Clarksville—Miss Edna Richardson
Clinton—Cebert M. Halladay
Coloma—Miss L. Marie Furman
Columbus—Kenneth Fenton, Richmond, R. D.
Constantine—Miss Elizabeth Swartz
Cooks—Mrs. Wm. Winkle
Cooper—Miss Louise Snyder, R. R. No. 1, Kalamazoo 81
Coral—Mrs. Wm. Thaler

Covert—Miss Elizabeth Randall
 Crystal—Miss Alberta Shinabarger
 Custer—Mrs. L. P. Mead
 Detroit, Armenian—M. Arabian, 242 Pasadena, Highland Park
 Detroit, Bethel—Mrs. Ina Uitti, 20444 Manor, Detroit 21
 Detroit, Boulevard—Mrs. Jos. Harmon, 1167 W. Grand Boulevard 8
 Detroit, Brewster—George Willis, 18436 Pennington Drive (21)
 Detroit, Bushnell—Dr. Everett R. Phelps, 16835 Sunderland Road (19)
 Detroit, First—Ralph E. Wisner, 3730 Carter Ave (6)
 Detroit, Greenfield—Miss Augusta W. Ochs, 16154 Middlebury Drive, Dearborn
 Detroit, Grosse Pointe—Miss Loreen E. Beattie, 5043 Yorkshire Ave., Detroit 24
 Detroit, Highland Park—R. L. Stevenson, 130 E. Buena Vista, Highland Park (3)
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 Detroit, North—Albert W. Honywill, Jr., 8715 Woodward Ave.
 Detroit, Plymouth—Mrs. Mabel Swan, 5312 Fischer Ave. (13)
 Dearborn—Mrs. E. Dalton, 6409 Calhoun
 Dexter—
 Douglas—John Tyler
 Dowagiac—Fred A. Young, 407 Orchard St.
 Drummond—Mrs. Frank Ledy
 Dundee—Earl Stowell
 Durand—Mrs. Dorothy Whelan, 608 N. Saginaw St.
 East Gilead—Emory W. Hilton, Bronson, R. D.
 East Lansing—Mrs. Grace E. Lyons, Peoples Church
 Eaton Rapids—Mrs. Emma Hawkins, 243 Dutton St.
 Eau Claire—H. Leo Jenkins, Berrien Center
 Eden—
 Eureka—Mrs. Charles Blank, St. Johns, R. D. No. 3
 Fayette—John Geniesse
 Flat Rock—Mrs. Jessie Van Riper, 29063 Van Riper Ave.
 Flint—Vernon A. Carlson, 431 Thompson St.
 Frankfort—Mrs. Sarah Smith
 Fremont—Mrs. F. H. Marsh
 Fruitport—Mrs. John B. Page
 Galesburg—Mrs. Winifred Buss
 Garden—Mrs. Edith Heafield
 Gaylord—Mrs. Mary Guggisberg
 Gibraltar—Mrs. Violet Fair, Bayview Drive, Rockwood, R. D. No. 1
 Grand Blanc—Mrs. Bessie Taylor, 232 High St.
 Grand Junction—Mrs. Cora Pugh
 Grand Ledge—Mrs. Harry Towner, 500 S. Bridge St.
 Grand Rapids, Burlingame—Floyd Norburg, 1260 Seneca S.W.
 Grand Rapids, Comstock Park—Eivind J. Erickson, Comstock Park, R. D. No. 1
 Grand Rapids, East—Arthur B. Cross, 537 Norwood Ave., S.E.
 Grand Rapids, First (Park)—Mrs. Henry Volt, 1037 Elliott, S.E. (7)
 Grand Rapids, Plymouth—Miss Anna M. Kellogg, 754 Fuller Ave., S.E.
 Grand Rapids, Second—Mrs. Joseph H. Hummel, 1311 Calvin, S.E. (7)
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 Grand Rapids, South—Margaret Hester, 18 Home St, S.E.
 Grand Rapids, Wallin—Miss Dorothy Williams, 868 Crosby, N.W.

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Grant—Mrs. Frank Rogers
Grass Lake—Miss Edna E. Dorr
Greenville—Claud T. Tuck
Hancock—Warren M. Bell, 425 Hancock Ave.
Harrison—Mrs. Jessie Gleason
Hart—Mrs. Eva Wood
Hersey—Mrs. Laura Steinhoff
Highland—Mrs. Clark Race, Milford, R. D. No. 2
Homestead—Mrs. Minnie Taylor, Beulah, R. D. No. 1
Honor—Mrs. Hazel Burrows
Hopkins—Mrs. Carl Hoffmaster
Hubbell—Leonard A. Barbeau, Lake Linden
Hudson—Mrs. A. L. Burdick
Hudsonville—Lee E. Hessler, R. D. No. 3
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Ironton—Mrs. Clyde Ogden
Isabella—Mrs. Ruth Vinette, Ensign, R. D. No. 1
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Kalkaska—Mrs. Phyllis H. Gosling
Kalkaska Evergreen—Vern Anderson
Kinderhook—Floyd A. Foster, Coldwater, R. D. No. 2
Laingsburg—Harold R. Green, St. Johns, R. D. No. 5
Lake City—Miss Mabel Ingersoll
Lake Linden—
Lake Odessa—Miss Edna Steele
Lakeview—Mrs. Ernest Snyder
Lansing, Mayflower—Mrs. M. O. Leyer, 2118 S. Logan St.
Lansing, Pilgrim—Miss Pauline Clark, 1227 Mechanic St.
Lansing, Plymouth—Grove M. Keith, 500 S. Jenison Ave.
Lawrence—Mrs. W. O. McDowell, R. D. No. 1
Leonidas—Arnold Weitting
Leroy—Mrs. Clayman Brown, East Leroy
Leslie—Mrs. W. A. Brownlee
Lewiston—Mrs. Floy Snyder
Litchfield—Mrs. W. C. Marsh, 220 N. Chicago St.
Long Rapids—Mrs. Norma MacConnell, Lachine
Lowell—Mrs. C. H. Horn, 325 W. Main St.
Ludington—Mrs. Charles Peterson, 605 W. Haight St.
Luzerne—Mrs. O. C. Hagaman
Mackinac Island—Mrs. Herbert Benjamin
Manistee—Mrs. E. M. Hallock, 364 Second St.
Maple Rapids—G. L. Abbott
Mattawan—Donald J. Wilson
Maybee—Mrs. Grace Rehberg, Monroe, R. D. No. 2
Memphis—Miss Unabelle Barlett
Merrill—Mrs. Theda Kirby
Metamora—Mrs. Genevieve Dale
Moline—Gay F. Hayes, Dorr, R. D. 1
Morenci—Ralph Moden, R. D. No. 1
Muskegon, First—Bart D. Buck, 1704 McGraft Ave.
Muskegon, Jackson—Mrs. Raymond Simpson, 634 Marquette Ave.
Muskegon, McGraft—C. K. Cooper, 1332 Palmer Blvd.

Newaygo—Mrs. Charles Morris, R. D. No. 1
New Baltimore—Miss Gussie E. Miller
New Haven—Edwin Blackmon, Richmond, R. D. No. 1
Northport—Miss Ethel Ranger
Old Mission—Mrs. A. J. Prescott, Traverse City, R. D. No. 1
Olivet—Miss Estella Davis, 402 Shipherd
Onekama—R. V. Winberg
Onondaga—J. Z. Ballard, R. D.
Otsego—Mrs. LeRoy Davis, 110 E. Franklin
Ovid—Mrs. Floyd Betzer
Owosso—Miss Anne McCormick, 220 E. Exchange St.
Oxford—Mrs. Russell Dernberger, 20 Pontiac St.
Perry—R. C. Botsford
Pinckney—Mrs. Merwin Campbell, Box 63
Pine Grove—Mrs. Wesley Smart, Sault Ste. Marie, R. D. No. 2, Box 90
Pittsford—Mrs. Otto Lemmlie
Pontiac—Earl Nelson, 65 Illinois
Port Huron, First—Arthur M. Mann, 1319 9th Street
Port Huron, Ross—
Port Huron, Sturges—Frank B. Sturges, 2903 Ravenswood Ave.
Portland—Mrs. Fay Olmstead
Prattville—Miss Leota Hershberger
Pullman—Mrs. Nettie Creal
Ransom—Mrs. Nellie Potter, Osseo, R. D. No. 1
Rapid River—E. V. Gilland
Reed City—Mrs. D. A. Rosencrans
Richmond—Mrs. A. F. Lindke, 69 Main St.
Rochester—Miss Hazel Werth, 313 Castell Ave.
Rockford—Miss Audley Whittall
Rockwood—Miss Mabel Woodruff
Romeo—Mrs. L. Bedell, 180 Church St.
Roscommon—Mrs. Ronald Bird
Royal Oak—Mrs. Clara Warner, 139 Hilton Road, Ferndale 20
Saginaw—L. F. Bennett, 614 Fitzhugh
St. Clair—Mrs. Frank D. Beadle, 629 N. 5th St.
St. Johns—Mrs. St. Clare Pardee, 702 S. Oakland
St. Joseph—Martin Kasischke, 325 Lake Court
Salem, Second—Mrs. Ethel Bulson, 849 Blunk Ave.
Sandstone—Mrs. George E. Bailey, Jackson, R. D. No. 5
Saranac—L. A. Cheney
Saugatuck—Harry Jackson, Box 185
Sawyer—Mrs. Rex Westhauser
Shelby—Muir Dickie
Sidney—Mrs. A. B. Courter
Six Lakes—Mrs. Isabel H. Wood
Somerset—Miss Catherine B. Smith
South Haven—C. O. Monroe, 322 Prospect St.
Stanton—Miss Dorothy Lu Towle
Suttons Bay—Gerald Selby
Texas—Carl C. Griffin, R. D. No. 7, Kalamazoo
Thompsonville—Mrs. Anna Cummins
Three Oaks—Mrs. George Potts, 613 S. Elm St.
Traverse City, First—Mrs. J. B. Smedley, 126 E. Ninth St.
Traverse City, Oak Park—Mrs. Ernestine Button, 858 Washington St.
Union City—Mrs. Clyde George, R. D. No. 2

Vanderbilt—Edward Strolle, Box 643, Gaylord
 Vermontville—Mrs. Cecille Konechny, 207 E. Main St.
 Vernon—Miss Hughine Brown
 Victor—Roy A. Huyck, Ovid, R. D. No. 2
 Watervliet—Mrs. Floyd Crocker, US-12
 Wayland—Mrs. Lulu Hilbert, 126 Cedar St.
 Wayne—Francis Crook, 35426 Ash St.
 Webster—W. R. Scadin, Dexter, R. D. No. 2
 West Adrian—Mrs. Roy Van Doren, Adrian, R. D. No. 4
 Wheatland—Charles W. Letherer, Pittsford, R. D. No. 2
 Whitehall—Mrs. George Zatzke, Box 506
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YEARS	Churches	Ministers	MEMBERS					BAPTISMS		Number in Sunday Schools	Number in Y. P. & C. E.	Families	Renevo- lences	Home -itures
			Males	Females	Total	Gain	Loss	Absent	Adult	Infant				
1883	263	213	5,875	11,534	17,509	522	.....	2,421	443	279	23,863	11,465	\$41,045	\$221,636
1884	265	248	6,233	11,997	18,230	721	.....	2,611	502	257	25,707	13,458	43,370	263,014
1885	269	245	6,651	12,419	19,070	440	.....	2,593	578	327	25,969	14,577	52,914	263,014
1886	281	241	6,649	13,156	19,805	1,135	.....	2,546	837	340	27,364	14,690	56,705	238,834
1887	288	242	7,449	14,089	21,238	1,433	.....	2,516	1,106	331	30,092	15,770	57,302	268,268
1888	298	257	7,250	14,482	21,632	1,394	.....	2,718	1,627	243	29,879	16,531	58,145	247,931
1889	314	263	7,440	15,204	22,644	1,012	.....	2,670	851	362	31,413	17,769	63,538	289,467
1890	320	282	7,512	15,715	23,227	583	.....	3,178	907	379	32,000	18,072	63,538	289,467
1891	321	296	7,672	16,449	24,121	653	.....	3,228	866	331	32,115	18,072	63,538	289,467
1892	322	307	8,306	16,771	25,077	850	.....	3,278	966	439	36,771	18,854	63,538	289,467
1893	342	310	9,327	17,704	27,031	1,432	.....	3,254	698	410	38,158	19,090	63,538	289,467
1894	345	310	9,327	17,704	27,031	1,432	.....	3,254	698	410	38,158	19,090	63,538	289,467
1895	345	302	9,576	18,911	28,487	2,045	.....	3,338	1,362	532	40,032	21,077	63,538	289,467
1896	347	308	9,576	18,911	28,487	2,045	.....	3,338	1,362	532	40,032	21,077	63,538	289,467
1897	347	291	10,282	20,740	31,022	1,744	.....	3,511	1,141	600	42,939	22,029	63,538	289,467
1898	344	302	10,463	21,914	32,377	1,022	.....	3,637	1,102	595	42,684	22,795	63,538	289,467
1899	341	291	10,309	21,893	32,202	755	.....	3,722	892	493	40,928	24,067	63,538	289,467
1900	340	303	10,363	21,820	32,183	161	.....	3,689	638	493	40,928	24,067	63,538	289,467
1901	340	303	10,363	21,820	32,183	161	.....	3,689	638	493	40,928	24,067	63,538	289,467
1902	344	307	10,371	22,376	32,747	678	.....	4,262	762	629	38,437	24,523	63,538	289,467
1903	346	301	10,492	22,372	32,864	217	.....	4,434	846	605	37,647	25,496	63,538	289,467
1904	344	281	10,285	22,072	32,357	.....	.....	4,388	638	544	37,314	25,613	63,538	289,467
1905	336	257	10,132	21,796	31,928	.....	.....	4,553	543	666	36,473	25,801	63,538	289,467
1906	336	275	10,250	22,153	32,403	475	.....	4,575	758	658	36,803	26,353	63,538	289,467
1907	331	288	10,267	22,217	32,479	76	.....	4,571	758	641	36,941	26,353	63,538	289,467
1908	331	280	10,443	22,192	32,635	.....	.....	4,571	758	641	36,941	26,353	63,538	289,467
1909	332	284	10,443	22,505	32,948	489	.....	4,571	758	641	36,941	26,353	63,538	289,467
1910	323	286	10,234	22,292	32,526	.....	.....	4,754	668	601	35,962	27,642	63,538	289,467
1911	320	288	10,293	21,174	31,467	.....	.....	4,624	735	692	36,621	25,683	63,538	289,467
1912	310	285	10,411	22,217	32,628	161	.....	4,708	556	708	33,892	25,915	63,538	289,467
1913	310	285	10,411	22,217	32,628	161	.....	4,708	556	708	33,892	25,915	63,538	289,467
1914	313	296	10,489	22,070	32,559	.....	.....	4,942	659	593	35,986	27,395	63,538	289,467
1915	312	244	10,542	21,862	32,404	.....	.....	4,865	616	672	37,300	27,670	63,538	289,467
1916	311	234	11,456	22,902	34,358	1,004	4,743	903	708	38,157	27,161	63,538	289,467
							4,616	992	923	39,763	28,040	66,716	415,959

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YEARS	Churches	Ministers	MEMBERS						BAPTISMS		Number in Schools	Number in Y. P. S. C. E.	Families	Benefice- taries	Home Expend- itures				
			Males			Females			Total	Gain						Loss	BAPTISMS		Absent
			Males	Females	Total	Adult	Infant												
1917	307	244	11,961	23,579	35,540	1,182			990	845	39,842	5,853	29,476	\$73,144	\$531,451				
1918	299	226	12,520	24,297	36,817	1,277			1,114	775	39,868	4,872	28,293	86,398	465,578				
1919	291	232	12,544	24,275	36,919	1,49			578	915	38,581	3,645	28,524	80,329	441,030				
1920	286	249	12,766	24,202	36,968	149			4,846	655	37,736	3,639	28,696	117,459	545,111				
1921	277	249	13,024	24,456	37,580	612			4,919	780	39,319	4,242	29,398	193,278	725,932				
1922	274	242	13,511	25,219	38,730	1,150			4,721	895	39,644	4,464	30,415	199,574	755,932				
1923	273	239	14,152	26,133	40,275	1,545			4,584	829	40,103	3,867	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1924	273	238	14,418	26,136	40,554	1,729			4,801	549	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1925	252	244	15,169	27,107	42,276	1,542			4,828	714	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1926	272	244	16,811	28,011	43,822	1,752			4,395	914	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1927	273	244	16,821	28,023	44,844	1,127			4,637	789	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1928	273	244	16,821	28,023	44,844	76	319		4,684	688	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1929	268	242	16,984	29,029	45,703				4,582	928	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1930	262	243	16,420	28,975	45,394	578			4,593	873	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1931	257	245	16,114	28,958	45,173	306			4,503	693	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1932	258	239	16,188	28,960	45,181	472			4,503	693	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1933	250	224	16,188	28,960	45,181	472	546		4,140	542	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1934	250	224	16,693	27,957	44,650	488			4,140	542	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1935	253	213	16,693	27,957	44,650	488			4,078	473	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1936	253	217	16,693	27,957	44,650	488			3,960	508	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1937	250	217	16,719	27,792	44,351	18			3,960	508	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1938	250	219	16,719	27,792	44,351	18			3,960	508	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1939	249	208	17,200	27,590	44,369	972			3,960	508	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1940	246	208	17,200	27,590	44,369	972			3,960	508	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1941	242	211	16,986	28,259	45,245			96	3,960	508	40,409	4,040	30,572	185,908	839,016				
1942	241	210	17,825	29,114	46,939	1,694			4,982	30,981	10,404	9,222	23,268	56,413	678,292				
1943	242	211	18,139	29,652	47,791	1,842			5,344	31,537	10,654	9,222	23,268	56,413	678,292				
1944	241	201	18,737	30,299	49,086	1,315			5,499	30,168	9,141	9,222	23,268	56,413	678,292				
1945	242	201	19,353	30,907	50,260	1,174			5,499	30,168	9,141	9,222	23,268	56,413	678,292				
1946	241	197	19,733	30,907	50,260	1,174			5,499	30,168	9,141	9,222	23,268	56,413	678,292				
1947	242	198	20,287	31,895	52,662	1,902			6,580	26,639	8,487	9,222	23,268	56,413	678,292				
1948	243	204	20,994	32,639	53,653	1,491			6,580	26,639	8,487	9,222	23,268	56,413	678,292				
1949	239	191	20,994	32,639	53,653	1,491			6,580	26,639	8,487	9,222	23,268	56,413	678,292				
1950	238	194	20,994	32,639	53,653	1,491			6,580	26,639	8,487	9,222	23,268	56,413	678,292				

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1842	Jackson	Rev. M. Harrison	Rev. H. S. Hamilton	Rev. H. S. Hamilton
1843	Grass Lake	Rev. O. C. Thompson	Rev. Luther Shaw	Rev. Joseph Harris
1844	Marshall	Rev. S. Cochran	Rev. Harvey Hyde	Rev. O. C. Thompson
1845	Detroit	Rev. Harvey Hyde	Rev. H. L. Hammond	Rev. S. Cochran
1846	Dexter	Rev. H. L. Hammond	Rev. G. L. Foster	Rev. S. Cochran
1847	Jackson	Rev. G. L. Foster	Rev. C. Lockwood	Rev. H. L. Hammond
1848	Ann Arbor	Rev. L. Smith Hobart	Rev. Harvey Hyde	Rev. C. L. Foster
1849	Dexter	Rev. C. Lockwood	Rev. Samuel Sessions	Rev. A. S. Kedzie
1850	Kalamazoo	Rev. H. D. Kitchell	Rev. L. F. Waldo	Rev. C. Lockwood
1851	Clinton	Rev. A. S. Kedzie	Rev. W. B. Williams	Rev. H. D. Kitchell
1852	Jackson	Rev. P. R. Hurd	Rev. W. B. Williams	Rev. A. S. Kedzie
1853	Ann Arbor	Rev. J. H. Benton	Rev. W. B. Williams	Rev. P. R. Hurd
1854	Detroit	Rev. J. D. Pierce	Rev. F. P. Woodbury	Rev. Leonard Bacon
1855	Kalamazoo	Rev. Thomas Jones	Rev. Orange H. Spoor	Rev. John D. Pierce
1856	Jackson	Rev. Hiram Elmer	Rev. Warren F. Day	Rev. Thomas Jones
1857	Ossos	Rev. Edward Taylor	Rev. E. G. Chaddock	Rev. E. Taylor
1858	Adrian	Rev. Joseph Anderson	Rev. J. Wing Allen	Rev. Hiram Elmer
1859	Port Huron	Rev. Asa Mahan	Rev. D. M. Bartlett	Rev. J. Anderson
1860	Detroit	Rev. S. S. N. Greeley	Rev. D. M. Bartlett	Rev. Asa Mahan
1861	Ann Arbor	Rev. H. A. Read	Rev. H. A. Read	Rev. S. S. N. Greeley
1862	Grand Rapids	Rev. G. M. Tuthill	Rev. L. Smith Hobart	Rev. H. A. Read
1863	Union City	Rev. John Patchin	Rev. E. M. Tuthill	Rev. Geo. M. Tuthill
1864	Detroit	Rev. James S. Hoyt	Rev. G. M. Tuthill	Rev. John Patchin
1865	Battle Creek	Rev. W. Streeter	Rev. Hiram Elmer	Rev. J. S. Hoyt
1866	Jackson	Rev. Henry Bates	Rev. Hiram Elmer	Rev. S. W. Streeter
1867	Kalamazoo	Rev. W. P. Russell	Rev. Henry Bates	Rev. Henry Bates
1868	Port Huron	Rev. N. J. Morrison	Rev. H. D. Kitchell	Rev. W. P. Russell
1869	East Saginaw	Rev. O. S. Dean	Rev. P. R. Hurd	Rev. N. J. Morrison
1870	Grand Rapids	Rev. Jesse W. Cough	Dea. Dexter Mussey	Rev. O. S. Dean
1871	Romeo	Rev. J. G. W. Hough	Mr. Henry S. Clubb	Rev. J. W. Hough
1872	Hudson	Rev. William Platt	Rev. P. R. Hurd	Rev. H. L. Hubbell
1873	Lansing	Rev. Orange H. Spoor	Rev. P. R. Hurd	Rev. W. D. Love
1874	Adrian	Rev. Henry L. Hubbell	Rev. B. D. Conkling	Rev. J. S. Hoyt
1875	Kalamazoo	Rev. W. D. Love	Rev. J. Homer Parker	Rev. J. S. Hoyt
1876	Pontiac	Rev. Warren F. Day	Rev. James L. Patton	Rev. J. Morgan Smith
1877	Ann Arbor	Hon. J. Webster Childs	Hon. C. K. Newcomb	Rev. J. L. Patton
1878	East Saginaw	Rev. J. Morgan Smith	Rev. C. O. Brown	Rev. Zachary Eddy
1879	Grand Rapids	Rev. A. Hastings Ross	Rev. Louis O. Brown	Rev. H. Q. Butterfield
1880	Detroit	Rev. Miner W. Fairfield	Dea. E. F. Crabill	Rev. W. H. Ryder
1881	Charlotte	Hon. Wm. Chamberlain	Dea. Amos Dresser, Jr.	Rev. Leroy Warren
1882	Greenville	Rev. Moses Smith	Rev. J. P. Sanderson	Rev. W. F. Day
1883	Manistee	Rev. Wolcott B. Williams	Rev. W. S. Bugbey	Rev. J. P. Hough
1884	Port Huron	Rev. James L. Patton	Rev. G. H. Gramis	Rev. T. P. Prudden
				Rev. Franklin Noble

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1885	Jackson	Rev. H. Q. Butterfield	Rev. O. B. Waters	Rev. Martin L. D'Ooge
1886	Flint	Rev. E. B. Fairfield	Dea. Geo. P. Bredin	Rev. J. F. Lohr
1887	Lansing	Hon. Byron M. Cutcheon	Rev. William C. Allen	Rev. R. M. Higgins
1888	St. Joseph	Rev. Wm. A. Waterman	Rev. J. M. C. Allen	Rev. W. S. Hughey
1889	East Saginaw	Rev. Isaac H. Davis	Rev. Eliza W. Miller	Rev. D. M. Fisk
1890	Muskegon	Rev. Franklin Noble	Rev. Elias L. Marsh	Rev. A. R. Merriam
1891	Ann Arbor	Rev. Charles H. Beale	Rev. Silas L. Smith	Rev. M. M. Martin
1892	Jackson	Rev. E. L. Griffith	Rev. Orange C. Bailey	Rev. Wm. H. Davis
1893	Owosso	Rev. James G. Smith	Rev. Edwin S. Shaw	Rev. Geo. R. Wallace
1894	Kalamazoo	Rev. John W. Bradshaw	Rev. John Allworth	Rev. J. W. Bradshaw
1895	Olivet	Rev. Dan F. Bradley	Rev. B. F. Aldrich	Rev. C. H. Taintor
1896	Greenville	Rev. Herman P. DeForest	Rev. F. W. Griffiths	Rev. Washington Gladden
1897	Grand Rapids	Rev. Archibald Hadden	Rev. E. B. Allen	Rev. A. M. Brodie
1898	Alpena	Rev. Moses M. Martin	Rev. T. H. Warner	Rev. W. G. Sperry
1899	Ypsilanti	Rev. William H. Strong	Rev. Carl S. Jones	Rev. Dan. F. Bradley
1900	Charlottesville	Rev. Frederick W. Bush	Rev. Geo. Benford	Rev. Nehemiah Boynton
1901	St. Johns	Rev. Dennis Cochlin	Rev. Wm. H. Walker	Rev. R. W. McLaughlin
1902	Cadillac	Hon. C. A. Gower	Rev. M. Lee Grant	Rev. H. P. DeForest
1903	Detroit	Rev. William J. Cady	Rev. A. H. Stoneman	Rev. N. S. Bradley
1904	South Haven	Rev. J. Sidney Gould	Rev. Frank Blomfield	Rev. Frank Hugh Foster
1905	Flint	Rev. William H. Warren	Rev. Henry W. Hunt	Rev. Benjamin H. Burtt
1906	Hancock	Rev. J. Sidney Gould	Rev. Wm. C. Allen	Rev. G. G. Atkins
1907	Lansing	Rev. Mac H. Wallace	Rev. M. J. Sweet	Rev. C. H. Beale
1908	Muskegon	Rev. B. H. Burtt	Rev. W. S. Steensma	Rev. T. R. McRoberts
1909	Ludington	Rev. F. E. Bogart	Rev. John Lambrecht	Rev. I. R. Walker
1910	Port Huron	Rev. I. W. Stuart	Rev. E. R. Latham	Rev. Frank Hugh Foster
1911	Alpena	Rev. N. S. Bishop	Rev. V. R. Brown	Rev. J. S. Williamson
1912	Cadillac	Rev. E. W. Huguet	Rev. George Benford	Rev. W. J. Campbell
1913	Grand Rapids	Rev. J. P. Sweet	Rev. W. E. Stevens	Rev. A. Hadden
1914	Traverse City	Rev. A. C. Diefenbach	Rev. J. W. Hallwood	Rev. J. P. Huguet
1915	Bay City	Rev. U. G. Rich	Rev. Percy V. Davis	Rev. J. W. Bishop
1916	Jackson	Rev. Jonathan Turner	Rev. John P. Cookusen	Rev. J. T. Watson Jones
1917	Benton Harbor	Rev. St. Clare Parsons	Rev. Wm. H. Blanning	Rev. G. G. Atkins
1918	Pontiac	Rev. W. S. Steensma	Rev. P. A. Arnold	Rev. A. J. MacKenzie
1919	Flint	Rev. C. J. Chandler	Rev. Percy C. Jesson	Rev. J. P. Huguet
1920	Battle Creek	Rev. Chester B. Emerson	Rev. Lawrence Horning	Rev. W. E. Collins
1921	Ann Arbor	Rev. Howard A. Blanning		Rev. A. E. Bartlett
1922	St. Joseph			Rev. C. W. Merriam
1923	Charlottesville			Rev. Ozora S. Davis
1924	St. Joseph			Rev. Carleton B. Miller
1925	Cadillac			
1926	Grand Rapids			
1927	Rochester			

MEMORANDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS—Concluded

Year	Place	Moderator	Scribe	Preacher
1928	Alpena	Rev. Bernard G. Mattison	Rev. Ray T. Caldwell	Rev. J. W. G. Ward
1929	Benton Harbor	Rev. Harvey C. Colburn	Rev. Stanley W. Hyde	Rev. Carl Patton
1930	Port Huron	Rev. Aeneas J. MacKenzie	Rev. Harold T. Jans	Rev. Albert W. Palmer
1931	Detroit	Rev. John W. G. Ward	Rev. Howard R. Towne	Rev. Charles R. Brown
1932	Traverse City	Rev. Herbert McConnell	Rev. Albert Dawe	Rev. Roger Eddy Treat
1933	Kalamazoo	Rev. Herbert McConnell	Rev. Arden S. Johnson	Rev. Warren W. Pickett
1934	Saginaw	Rev. S. E. Kelley	Rev. Horace E. Maycroft	Rev. Samuel N. Oliver
1935	Jackson	Rev. James King	Rev. W. H. Skentelbury	Rev. Frank J. Scribner
1936	Grand Rapids	Rev. S. N. Oliver	Rev. Arthur E. Gay	Rev. Fred Field Goodsell
1937	Owosso	Mr. John D. Mac Naughton	Mr. Raymond J. Leffingwell	Rev. Charles Haven Myers
1938	Nanticoke	Rev. C. M. Burkholder	Rev. John T. Henry	Rev. Edwin W. Bishop
1939	Lansing	Rev. E. A. Thompson	Rev. Foseberg Hughes	Rev. Howard A. Blaunling
1940	Port Huron	Rev. Albert B. Eby	Rev. Donald R. Evans	Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher
1941	Muskegon	Rev. Warren W. Pickett	Rev. Earl E. G. Linden	Rev. St. Clare Parsons
1942	Jackson	Dr. Wm. G. Willard	Rev. Leo V. Barker	Rev. Alfred W. Swan
1943	Grand Rapids	Rev. A. M. Melkote	Rev. Henry L. Rust	Rev. Rex O. Holman
1944	Barle Creek	Rev. Carlton S. Miller	Rev. Ward K. Kropp	Rev. Edward A. Thompson
1945	Lansing	Rev. Nathaniel Skidmore	Rev. Russell E. Myers	Rev. Paul H. Clark

Registrars

Rev. L. Smith Hobart, 1842-1847; Rev. H. L. Hammond, 1847-1848; Rev. G. L. Foster, 1848-1851; Rev. H. D. Kitchell, 1851-1854;
 Rev. L. Smith Hobart, 1854-1862; Rev. Philo E. Hund, 1862-1863; Rev. John P. Sanderson, 1863-1869; Rev. Leroy Warren, 1869-1892;
 Rev. John P. Sanderson, 1892-1908; Rev. William Roscoe Kedzie, 1908-1909; Rev. William A. Minn, 1909-1910; Mr. C. A. Gower, 1910-1912;
 Rev. J. W. Sutherland, 1912-1931; Rev. Stephen A. Lloyd, 1931-41; Rev. Harold N. Skidmore, 1941-

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									D.	L.	T.				Conf.	Am. Board	Home Board	Un-budgeted			Total	Other Gifts
★ 1 Ada	1849	Henry L. Rust, §	'13-'37	16	42	4	11	11	—	—	—	—	40	15	21	15	17	0	53	15	852	3,000
★ 2 Addison, Fed.	1884	Guy W. Hawley, Meth.]	'08-'34	141	100	3	2	3	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	—	6,000
★ 3 Alamo, Kalamazoo, R.D.	1887	Roger W. Gough	'32-'41	6	37	62	10	22	3	0	3	90	101	49	120	86	96	205	507	231	5,201	2,500
★ 4 Allegan	1859	(Inactive)		111	290	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,200
★ 5 Allenton	1882	Carl Hubert Anderson	'42-'41	58	176	8	17	17	2	0	2	150	160	21	117	81	106	475	379	135	4,208	42,000
★ 6 Alpena	1838	Albert W. Kaufman, r	'20-'43	135	393	90	22	25	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40,000
★ 7 Albion, Trinity	1909	Herbert McConnell, §	'98-'39	20	75	10	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,390
★ 8 Ann Arbor	1843	Leonard A. Parr	'08-'37	270	673	100	39	21	16	23	68	70	145	145	40	299	320	23	1,043	380	11,529	180,000
★ 9 Ann Arbor	1853	Thomas S. Vernon, r	'40-'42	73	183	50	16	21	2	3	5	80	145	70	106	75	83	27	291	163	2,234	12,500
★ 10 Armada	1878	John D. Perrin	'08-'39	17	206	70	21	34	2	3	5	80	145	70	106	75	83	27	291	163	2,234	12,500
★ 11 Athens	1881	Clark G. Adams	'19-'42	12	68	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,408
★ 12 Athens	1896	(Inactive)		35	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,800
★ 13 Au Gres, German	1911	Duncan M. Olmstead	'24-'44	65	137	45	7	18	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	243
★ 14 Baldwin	1897	Ward K. Kloop, §	'20-'42	67	121	34	13	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,408
★ 15 Bancroft	1880	Frederick Williams	'37-'30	47	121	34	13	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,544
★ 16 Bangor	1883	Carlson B. Miller	'18-'19	45	95	—	6	9	3	5	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,000
★ 17 Baroda	1892	Oviatt E. Desmond, a	'29-'44	64	129	6	6	9	0	5	5	95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,544
★ 18 Battle Creek	1836	Robert M. Barksdale, i	'35-'41	466	1,400	354	92	134	27	7	105	700	776	150	480	342	378	0	1,200	1,370	23,579	154,000
★ 19 Bay City	1875	Henry L. Rust, §	'13-'41	133	352	11	17	27	2	3	33	158	158	22	101	71	101	100	373	650	7,468	44,000
★ 20 Bedford	1848	Howard A. Blanning	'14-'27	140	88	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,000
★ 21 Benton Harbor	1892	Philip D. Dutton	'16-'43	32	95	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 22 Benzonia	1856	(Inactive)		325	866	60	70	101	16	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 23 Big Prairie, b	1890	Matthew Mullen, Meth.]	'05-'43	153	418	138	7	14	6	4	10	150	259	89	601	495	530	165	1,791	597	3,411	276,000
★ 24 Big Rapids	1887	Coral F. Badger	'14-'34	14	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 25 Big Rock, Atlanta, R.D.	1876	Clark G. Adams	'19-'42	12	24	12	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 26 Boswick Lake, d	1837	Henry L. Rust	'13-'41	105	290	23	24	28	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 27 Bradley	1849	(Inactive)		14	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 28 Breckenridge	1881	Ernest Carl Goetz, §	'29-'43	33	99	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 29 Bridgeport	1888	J. Herbert Spencer, Meth.]	'18-'30	28	75	16	6	8	3	5	8	45	85	15	8	6	6	0	20	45	2,200	10,500
★ 30 Britton	1879	Frederick Williams, §	'37-'30	16	58	16	6	8	3	5	8	45	85	15	8	6	6	0	20	45	2,200	10,500
★ 31 Buckey	1868	Lisle G. Ketchum, §	'44	4	25	7	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 32 Butternut	1892	Robert L. McCleary	'35-'43	66	148	15	18	18	2	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 33 Butternut	1906	Milton G. Wheelock, Lay.]	'22	10	40	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★ 34 Butternut	1892	(Inactive)		10	40	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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a Assoc. b White Cloud, R.D.

d Rockford, R.D.

e Bapt.

g Meth. Lic.

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Cities or Towns		Names		Ord. Clid.		Ma.		To.		Ab.		C.		To.		D.		L.		T.		Average Attendance		Church School		Young People's Organizations			Admitted			Removed			Church School		Young People's Organizations			Gifts on Apportionment				Local Finances	

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Cities or Towns	Org.	Names	Ord. Chd.	Ma.	To.	Ab.	C.	To.	D.	L.	T.	Average Attendance	Conf.	Am. Bd.			Home Bd.	Budgeted	Un-Budgeted	Total	Other Gifts	Home Exp.	Value Church Property
★ 79 Durand		Ward K. Klopp	'20-'40	106	234	65	22	24	1	4	5	69	125	55	90	64	96	107	357	325	3,402	*32,500	
★ 80 East Gilead		William J. Hunter, §	'19-'39	3	3							44	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	
★ 81 East Lansing, a		William J. McCune, Meth.	'08-'17	831	2,437	651	52	146	19	34	53	1,219	228	228	515	1,936	360	0	2,811	5,991	25,665	*307,175	
★ 82 East Nelson		(Inactive)		22	82	18	7	9	1	6	7	71	20	32	20	14	16	0	50	10	2,473	*14,000	
★ 83 East Rapids		Victor F. Brown, r	'03-'44	22	83	18	7	9	1	6	7	71	20	32	58	41	46	0	145	85	0	*6,900	
★ 84 Eau Claire		Seth Clay, Lic.	'03-'42	122	47	31	7	10	—	—	—	28	32	40	9	7	7	0	23	60	595	3,000	
★ 85 Eden, R.D.		(Inactive)		122	47	31	7	10	—	—	—	28	32	40	9	7	7	0	23	60	595	3,000	
★ 86 Eureka, St. Johns, R.D.		Paul E. Tucker, Bapt.	'38-'43	14	29	2	14	14	—	—	—	40	14	17	4	4	4	0	25	0	322	1,500	
★ 87 Fairview		Gerald A. Smith, §	'37-'40	112	243	30	15	18	—	—	—	40	14	17	4	4	4	0	25	0	322	1,500	
★ 88 Flat Rock		Nathaniel Skidmore	'13-'37	112	243	30	15	18	—	—	—	40	14	17	4	4	4	0	25	0	322	1,500	
★ 89 Flint		Harold Scott	'17-'40	62	175	23	10	21	2	3	6	66	46	36	665	37	65	0	167	250	3,900	22,500	
★ 90 Frankfort		George Lomas	'42-'44	18	104	40	7	11	2	0	2	90	—	131	131	93	101	55	380	145	1,959	*20,000	
★ 91 Freedom		(Inactive)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,500	
★ 92 Fremont		(Inactive)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,500	
★ 93 Fremont		Horace B. Loomis	'43-'44	44	168	18	9	20	3	2	12	130	30	140	80	57	63	47	247	0	3,899	7,500	
★ 94 Fruitport		John C. Willis, §	'91-'33	17	71	14	1	1	1	1	2	30	128	14	10	11	19	54	103	11	19	54	1,050
★ 95 Galesburg		Herbert A. Miles	'04-'41	35	112	39	10	17	3	0	3	70	—	70	56	40	44	25	165	0	2,000	*22,000	
★ 96 Garden		Gerald A. Smith, §	'37-'40	7	26	17	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	14	10	11	5	40	10	182	0	2,000	2,000
★ 97 Gaylord		L. Myrven Isaacs	'13-'35	33	127	8	5	9	1	2	24	70	24	71	50	55	1	177	57	164	840	*10,900	
★ 98 Gibraltar		Edward L. Hughes, d §	'09-'42	15	40	4	—	—	—	—	—	70	—	70	67	2	2	0	11	17	640	—	
★ 99 Grand Blanc		James M. Turner	'11-'35	55	140	20	5	5	3	1	4	50	143	—	50	37	39	0	126	24	2,505	*15,000	
★ 100 Grand Junction		(Inactive)		10	22	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	8	8	0	30	7	830	*8,800	
★ 101 Grand Ledge		Gordon L. Giddings	'40-'42	104	359	49	31	37	3	1	5	125	130	50	69	50	58	0	177	25	5,824	*18,000	
★ 102 Grand Rapids, e		Edwin Richard Evans	'16-'37	123	269	15	44	46	3	2	10	200	60	120	86	95	0	301	57	6,931	23,400	*23,400	
★ 103 " Constable Park		Herbert McConnell, §	'98-'43	32	97	17	7	7	1	4	5	43	50	28	73	54	72	55	254	0	2,265	*8,500	
★ 104 " East		Charles M. Houser, r	'27-'44	765	1,532	50	60	88	9	26	41	466	128	1436	1,075	1,075	510	4,096	324	3,025	305,305	*315,000	
★ 105 " 1st, Park		Edward A. Thompson	'14-'33	940	2,370	73	94	160	28	26	130	920	457	2,440	1,738	1,928	168	6,274	3,286	47,096	7,500	*315,000	
		Harold T. Jones, Asso.	'29-'43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
		Charles W. Merriam, g	'01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
★ 106 " Plymouth		Albert E. Potts, r	'18-'33	110	266	24	7	19	2	11	17	170	12	140	109	114	473	190	114	473	190	7,500	*28,500
★ 107 " 2nd		Frank T. Jensen, r	'32-'38	250	915	12	27	40	6	3	30	232	409	500	375	375	200	1,450	375	200	1,450	9,779	*23,200
★ 108 " Smith		H. Butler Fairman	'37-'39	329	794	52	8	10	3	3	6	130	165	136	96	106	2	1,460	36	1,460	36	4,164	*33,000
★ 109 " South		Earl F. Collins, r	'19-'31	111	266	20	12	15	2	6	5	208	155	630	371	409	361	1,661	371	409	361	4,164	*36,500
★ 110 " Wallin		Leland E. Sumner, Lic.	'19-'39	111	266	20	12	15	2	6	5	208	155	630	371	409	361	1,661	371	409	361	4,164	*36,500
★ 111 Grandville		Walker M. Swann, r	'02-'45	56	153	16	12	15	—	—	—	140	10	80	57	63	74	274	71	63	74	274	*3,500
★ 112 Grand Lake, Fed.		Arthur E. Gay	'14-'44	21	89	23	—	—	—	—	—	60	22	17	12	13	0	42	40	12	13	0	*10,500
★ 113 Grandville		St. Clare Parsons	'08-'11	32	95	8	—	—	—	—	—	116	4	46	33	36	8	123	115	36	8	123	*20,000
★ 114 Greenville		Wayne L. Waters	'08-'11	187	421	75	6	10	4	14	175	60	294	210	232	50	786	370	50	786	370	5,200	*33,000
★ 115 Hancock		Harold Watson, §	'37-'44	118	407	196	6	10	3	7	10	88	75	231	171	181	61	644	329	61	644	329	*63,631
★ 116 Harrison		John R. Gehring	'38-'39	57	208	15	10	13	6	5	11	104	83	160	130	120	172	582	5	120	172	582	*16,000
★ 117 Hart		Motter C. Bullock, §	'06-'43	29	98	26	13	15	—	—	—	34	16	20	15	15	0	50	9	15	0	50	*33,500
★ 118 Hersey		Otto J. Lyon, §	'11-'39	16	44	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	19	9	5	56	9	5	56	9	3,900
★ 119 Highland		(Inactive)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*6,500

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*120 Homestead	1864	Thomas Ainslie, \$	'13-'30	13	28	—	—	5	7	—	—	—	5	28	—	—	18	13	14	0	45	20	924	2,400
*121 Honor	1895	Thomas Ainslie, \$	'13-'44	7	24	—	—	1	6	2	—	—	8	100	—	—	4	3	4	0	11	0	714	5,000
*122 Hopkins, Com.	1878	John R. Steegstra, a	'41-'41	50	130	—	—	1	6	2	—	—	6	100	—	—	16	0	0	6	0	0	—	—
*123 Hubbell	1893	Serge F. Hummon	'43	23	45	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	21	16	11	13	0	40	5	—	—
*124 Hudson	1896	Ebert Winter, \$	'23-'40	30	222	40	4	11	1	6	7	—	7	70	20	20	85	62	29	244	90	2,832	38,500	
*125 Hudsonville	1878	John H. Balfour	'14-'37	65	169	31	3	3	2	2	4	—	4	44	44	44	60	43	47	0	150	63	1,115	9,500
*126 Inlay City	1872	Gerald A. Smith, \$	'37-'40	27	63	—	—	3	4	1	2	—	2	35	35	35	40	20	32	0	101	110	451	5,000
*127 Ironton	1896	Robert N. Dukes, r	'22-'30	9	31	—	—	3	4	6	7	—	4	160	30	30	12	9	176	160	645	431	11,520	12,000
*128 Isabella, Ensign, R.D.	1900	William A. Keith, i	'29-'44	170	405	20	20	20	40	1	4	5	60	—	—	160	80	57	63	0	206	128	2,500	21,500
*129 Jackson, Ist	1841	Philip H. Gregory	'29-'39	81	222	7	13	20	54	6	20	47	47	—	—	303	442	556	614	275	1,615	17,588	22,500	
*130 Plymouth	1835	(Inactive)		403	842	53	26	54	4	1	1	2	—	—	—	80	25	16	0	53	0	1,613	8,500	
*131 Kalamazoo	1864	William J. Hunter	'19-'39	15	43	7	—	4	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	85	40	30	0	100	0	908	3,500	
*132 Kalkaska, Fed.	1910	William Carpenter, Presb., d	'44	115	388	—	—	2	6	1	3	4	—	—	—	85	40	34	32	0	106	15	1,232	3,000
*133 Evergreen	1922	(Inactive)		25	90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	12,000
*134 Kinderhook, b	1864	A. Reginald Gold	'26-'45	34	104	12	2	2	7	6	0	6	—	—	—	24	16	11	13	0	40	15	—	10,000
*135 Laingsburg	1908	Russell E. Myers	'40-'43	115	388	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71	34	27	34	20	117	95	2,242	10,000
*136 Lake Linden	1892	Elmer E. Hoats	'31-'39	26	88	30	4	9	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	20	51	76	0	197	77	1,778	10,000	
*137 Lakeview	1902	Robert M. Bartlett, r	'24-'42	37	110	23	4	12	1	6	0	6	—	—	—	71	34	27	34	20	117	95	2,242	10,000
*138 Lansing, Mayflower	1902	Elmer E. Hoats	'31-'39	40	175	34	4	9	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	20	51	76	0	197	77	1,778	10,000	
*139 " "	1893	(Inactive)		187	509	19	22	45	2	2	10	147	—	—	—	205	91	67	92	282	452	55	3,673	29,000
*140 " "	1864	Robert M. Bartlett, r	'24-'42	513	1,232	73	38	86	11	11	22	—	—	—	—	450	235	475	395	1,386	1,433	24,686	53,500	
*141 " "	1894	(Inactive)		15	43	7	—	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	80	25	16	0	53	0	1,613	8,500	
*142 " "	1894	(Inactive)		15	43	7	—	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	80	25	16	0	53	0	1,613	8,500	
*143 Lawrence	1837	William B. Faison, e	'03-'42	24	58	—	—	7	8	0	2	2	—	—	—	50	16	11	13	25	65	33	1,808	6,000
*144 Leavies	1885	Louis C. Shull, Presb., i	'19-'43	13	28	10	—	3	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	20	0	0	0	0	0	569	844	4,500
*145 Leroy, East Leroy, R.D.	1857	Jesse C. Shull, Presb., i	'19-'43	13	28	10	—	3	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	20	4	3	3	0	10	2	600	6,000
*146 Leslie	1865	Clark G. Adams, \$	'14-'43	46	126	17	5	8	2	2	1	1	1	—	—	103	38	42	0	133	80	1,800	18,000	
*147 Lewiston	1892	George A. Emerich, \$	'19-'42	21	51	12	1	1	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	62	45	17	15	60	0	918	9,000	
*148 Litchfield	1838	(Supply)	'07-'44	33	100	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	62	45	17	15	60	0	1,561	10,000	
*149 Long Rapids	1910	Norman G. Woon	'17-'41	22	67	9	—	8	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	75	21	121	86	94	15	316	483	3,000
*150 Lowell	1856	Paul Haskell Clark	'25-'31	64	158	—	—	35	10	17	27	—	40	—	—	250	165	100	110	125	475	1,228	7,156	58,000
*151 Ludington, Com.	1870	Francis E. Mahaffy, e	'44-'44	210	525	16	—	15	—	—	—	—	40	—	—	30	7	6	6	1	20	0	487	8,000
*152 Luzerne	1925	(Summer Supply)		15	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	697	5,000
*153 Mackinac Island	1900	Raymond L. Boudway	'33-'43	122	278	43	5	9	3	6	16	160	—	—	—	140	109	120	5	374	126	5,392	18,043	
*154 Manistee	1862	Edward Dull	'13-'24	50	130	30	3	23	2	6	8	56	—	—	—	26	19	21	10	76	60	1,750	13,000	
*155 Maple Rapids	1875	William O. Miller, e	'20-'42	33	82	73	10	2	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	30	21	24	50	125	69	585	6,500	
*156 Mattawan	1867	Jacob H. Turnbull, Lev., i	'38	25	75	12	4	9	1	4	5	32	—	—	—	38	20	20	0	72	50	1,145	6,300	
*157 Maybee	1880	Thomas S. Vernon, \$	'40-'42	16	75	12	4	9	1	4	5	32	—	—	—	38	40	28	32	15	115	9	882	8,700
*158 Memphis	1840	D. Clarence Turbin, h	'19-'40	20	57	18	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	40	28	31	15	115	9	882	7,500	
*159 Merrill	1886	Henry B. Johnson, \$	'15-'42	1874	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	74	—	6	0	30	0	1,532	11,500	
*160 Metamora	1874			138	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	9	3	3	0	15	0	—	4,000	
*161 Moline	1857			138	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	9	3	3	0	15	0	—	4,000	

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c Presb.

g Includes direct giving to Detroit City Work.

h Meth.

CHURCHES			MINISTERS		MEMBERS			Admitted			Removed			Church School		Gifts on Apportionment				Local Finances				
Cities or Towns	Org.	Names	Ord. Cld.	MEMBERS		C.	To.	D.	L.	T.	Average Attendance	Young People's	Budgeted			Total	Other Gifts	Home Exp.	Value Church Property					
				Ma.	To.								Am.	Home	Up-Budgeted									
★162 Morenci	1888	[W. Albert Rush, <i>Meth.</i>] §	'35-'37	57	163	—	3	1	3	4	—	175	30	141	61	68	30	300	60	1,698	*18,000			
★163 Mustegon, 1st	1889	Samuel N. Oliver	'20-'29	41	1,097	90	54	8	13	22	298	300	115	800	583	653	609	2,650	1,723	23,527	*53,000			
★164 " Jackson	1891	John C. Willis	'01-'35	40	130	22	15	3	0	5	77	135	18	43	29	31	95	195	100	2,205	7,000			
★165 " McGraft	1899	Clarence D. Oberlin, i	'13-'44	83	239	6	—	3	0	5	77	112	14	120	56	95	24	325	379	4,047	*35,000			
★166 New Hope	1895	(Inactive)	'—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
★167 Newaygo	1896	Frederick Finch	'09-'28	70	220	75	24	24	5	10	49	140	16	42	30	33	100	205	273	4,435	*13,000			
★168 New Baltimore	1856	William T. Watson, §	'37-'45	34	81	25	14	18	2	0	49	84	48	11	8	9	0	28	135	1,505	*15,000			
★169 New Haven	1893	William T. Watson, §	'37-'45	32	98	34	1	4	1	2	3	117	35	54	39	58	10	161	444	1,632	*10,000			
★170 Northport	1893	G. Russell Parker	'14-'41	68	165	28	5	5	1	—	47	70	25	44	29	32	0	105	45	1,762	*20,000			
★171 Old Mission	1879	(Inactive)	'—	12	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*5,500	
★172 Olivet	1845	Thomas W. Nadal, r	'41-'42	104	242	60	12	28	1	5	8	123	21	132	102	104	23	361	317	5,402	*108,404			
★173 Onondaga	1852	Raymond L. Roadway, §	'33-'42	34	72	22	7	7	5	1	6	30	30	24	17	16	0	60	66	1,032	4,000			
★174 Onondaga, Fed.	1887	(Inactive)	'—	17	59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*6,000	
★175 Ovid	1837	Percy L. Graham	'23-'40	61	172	38	7	10	2	6	11	92	37	59	36	39	25	150	70	3,947	*31,000			
★176 Ovid	1872	(William Blanding, <i>Meth.</i>)	'23-'42	42	145	45	12	15	10	4	15	160	60	50	38	39	113	238	25	5,980	*83,000			
★177 Owosso	1840	(Inactive)	'—	260	594	120	13	18	3	2	5	—	c198	30	190	142	147	27	598	200	6,558	*110,000		
★178 Oxford	1876	Henry B. Johnson	'15-'30	39	102	23	7	1	1	2	50	70	100	25	30	14	41	0	85	52	4,196	*13,000		
★179 Perry	1879	(Merritt D. Friar)	'44-'44	111	255	120	13	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*9,000	
★180 Pine Grove, Com.	1855	Alfred L. Allard	'25-'44	60	152	13	7	9	1	6	7	30	28	50	38	38	60	186	28	2,150	*19,000			
★181 Pine Grove, a	1880	(Inactive)	'—	10	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*2,300	
★182 Pittsford	1893	Marshall Rector, <i>Sup.</i>	'44-'44	51	146	36	5	5	4	0	4	65	15	32	23	25	0	80	0	1,564	*6,500			
★183 Pontiac	1831	Ralph P. Claggett	'26-'44	335	853	51	40	56	6	14	20	190	200	389	254	279	25	947	1,510	15,368	50,000			
★184 Port Huron, 1st	1840	John W. Rahill, r	'16-'42	300	799	—	23	40	10	8	37	155	98	70	336	243	268	23	872	212	11,360	*14,000		
★185 " Rose Memorial	1896	(Inactive)	'—	222	85	6	3	3	3	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*10,000	
★186 " Sturge Memorial	1905	(Inactive)	'—	25	92	—	2	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*10,000	
★187 Portland	1843	Benjamin I. Davies, <i>Lic.</i>	'45	75	121	—	—	—	—	—	50	90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*24,000	
★188 Prattville	1875	(Harry Malson, <i>U.B.</i>)	'41-'41	24	68	—	—	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*5,000	
★189 Pullman	1899	(Inactive)	'—	10	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*2,000	
★190 Ransom	1848	Serge F. Hummon, <i>Lic.</i>	'37-'40	6	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*8,500	
★191 Rapid River	1888	Gerald A. Smith	'37-'40	31	101	20	10	13	2	10	12	36	32	32	35	0	6	0	126	300	8,500	*12,000		
★192 Reed City	1872	(Mother C. Bullock	'06-'41	37	108	—	—	—	—	—	15	51	35	—	80	57	63	13	213	225	2,739	*24,000		
★193 Richmond	1878	Charles E. Faggart, d	'08-'44	64	200	70	4	9	4	3	7	40	18	80	57	63	13	213	225	2,739	*24,000			
★194 Rockford	1827	Brooks A. Warren	'32-'40	108	326	30	3	8	3	9	12	98	22	615	64	71	6	256	420	6,136	*31,000			
★195 Rockwood	1847	Albion A. Nelson	'32-'40	85	227	40	14	18	1	6	7	82	115	15	143	84	160	121	508	516	4,417	*14,000		
★196 Rosedale	1887	(Edward L. Hughes, c1 §	'37-'43	26	72	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*8,000	
★197 Romeo	1893	Oscar P. Bollman, r	'37-'43	129	339	49	7	12	1	2	3	140	30	298	213	234	5	750	282	6,022	*83,000			
★198 Roscommon	1875	(Francis E. Mahaffy, c1 §	'44-'44	30	95	10	13	15	1	0	1	50	75	28	21	16	20	57	266	1,863	*14,000			
★199 Rosedale	1882	(Inactive)	'—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*48,500	
★200 Royal Oak	1842	F. Ervin Hyde	'31-'44	295	713	56	9	15	6	18	24	268	339	110	661	580	546	590	2,337	678	14,376	*157,000		
★201 Saginaw	1837	Carl Martenson, r	'32-'42	294	794	60	27	68	9	12	22	268	339	110	661	580	546	590	2,337	678	14,376	*157,000		
★202 St. Clair	1833	Clyde H. Wilcox, r	'27-'39	125	291	65	16	20	4	10	15	117	100	10	1,146	1,065	901	815	4,027	137	5,412	*106,000		
★203 St. Johns	1860	Ray T. Caldwell	'14-'43	249	559	111	18	28	8	5	13	173	c135	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*106,000

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CHURCHES			MINISTERS		MEMBERS				Admitted		Removed			Church School	Gifts on Apportionment				Local Finances			
Cities or Towns	Names	Ord. Cld.	Ma.	To.	Ab.	C.	To.	D.	L.	T.	Average Attendance	Young People's	Budgeted			Un-Budgeted	Total	Other Gifts	Home Exp.	Value Church Property		
★204 St. Joseph	Robert C. Kemper	'29-'45	284	677	41	45	45	3	9	12	140	c204	25	132	95	115	16	358	365	10,200	39,624	
★205 Salem, 1st	(Inactive)		30	67	16	5	5	3	2	34	60	100	—	20	14	16	0	50	18	1,900	—	
★206 " 2nd	Lucia M. Stroh	'14-'22	19	53	21	2	2	—	—	—	—	30	—	26	19	21	0	66	0	776	*10,000	
★207 Sandstone, Jackson, R.D.	pDonald D. Brady	'29-'44	27	86	27	2	2	—	—	—	—	95	—	60	43	47	48	198	0	1,620	3,000	
★208 Saranac	pPaul F. Voelker, \$	'43-'43	50	150	25	3	6	4	2	6	72	51	17	40	39	32	125	236	77	4,040	*3,500	
★209 Saugatuck	Horace E. Maycroft	'22-'36	24	56	12	7	7	1	5	10	41	55	12	20	15	15	0	50	103	1,268	8,000	
★210 Sawyer	pC. Floyd Wright, \$	'43-'41	44	139	25	6	12	1	1	3	75	160	12	20	15	15	0	125	15	1,983	6,000	
★211 Shelby	Charles L. Pendleton, r, a	'43-'42	113	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	180	12	35	39	0	125	15	*23,000	
★212 Sidney	(Inactive)		8	29	—	8	8	1	0	1	—	—	—	21	15	7	8	0	0	0	3,000	
★213 Six Lakes	pA. Reginald Gold, \$	'26-'45	33	90	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	29	32	5	30	77	399	4,000	
★214 Somers	pSerge F. Hummon, Lic., \$	'29-'35	224	562	77	34	42	10	6	106	106	c249	200	400	295	320	54	1,069	622	5,882	*7,500	
★215 South Haven	Lawrence E. Tenhopen	'29-'35	22	88	15	8	12	2	3	9	77	140	95	0	0	0	0	0	1,001	2,565	*90,000	
★216 Stanton, United	George M. Nyda, Meth.	'39-'43	16	37	—	—	—	0	1	1	33	15	—	30	22	23	0	75	11	868	*14,500	
★217 Stanton Bay	pG. Russell Parker, \$	'14-'41	10	26	15	—	11	—	—	—	4	45	30	20	14	16	0	50	52	300	3,000	
★218 Texas, Kalamazoo, R.D.	[C. E. Elleby, Lay, Sup.	'42-'44	30	74	39	2	4	4	0	4	35	64	—	580	209	221	115	1,125	491	8,162	*44,000	
★219 Thompsonville	Karl W. Wildt, Lic.	'06-'43	91	210	51	13	23	5	0	5	70	64	—	192	153	144	25	514	2	3,985	*5,800	
★220 Three Oaks	J. M. Artman		371	988	127	36	66	11	6	17	—	—	64	580	209	221	115	1,125	491	8,162	*8,000	
★221 Tipton, Com.	(Inactive)		42	116	31	3	6	2	2	4	60	125	34	27	19	30	0	76	7	2,188	6,000	
★222 Traverse City, 1st	Howard R. Towne	'27-'27	82	228	40	12	16	3	2	5	—	174	36	80	62	63	3	208	445	2,451	*36,500	
★223 " Oak Park	Thomas E. Bennett	'07-'44	15	40	10	—	—	3	0	3	21	50	—	53	20	22	15	110	185	807	*6,800	
★224 Union City	Mark G. Ingrham	'10-'41	12	43	14	—	—	4	1	1	5	30	—	62	15	8	6	5	25	19	839	7,000
★225 Vanderbilt	pL. Myrren Isaacs, \$	'13-'40	17	37	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	15	8	6	6	6	0	20	0	2,500	
★226 Vermontville	Charles H. Evans, Presb.	'11-'40	4	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	6	6	6	0	20	0	2,500	
★227 Vernon	pWard K. Kopp, \$	'20-'42	106	224	33	5	10	3	2	5	98	180	60	138	99	109	113	459	653	4,703	*16,000	
★228 Victor	(Inactive)		33	96	30	4	6	2	2	6	30	50	30	50	69	66	73	10	218	15	1,039	5,000
★229 Watervliet	Clarence G. Ellinger, \$	'30-'41	122	304	25	18	30	4	5	9	—	c255	25	515	114	126	200	625	812	5,905	*45,000	
★230 Wayland	Erwin A. Britton	'30-'41	35	75	15	1	2	3	0	2	—	109	6	66	68	51	31	217	88	1,356	5,000	
★231 Wayne	William O. Hainsworth	'24-'40	33	75	15	1	2	3	0	2	—	109	6	66	68	51	31	216	168	520	4,500	
★232 Webster, Dexter, R.D.	Robert Snook, Meth. Lic.	'43	40	93	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	20	46	33	36	8	123	17	1,200	5,000	
★233 West Adrian, R.D.	pSerge F. Hummon, Lic., \$	'15-'41	35	95	15	2	3	—	—	—	—	60	20	46	33	36	8	123	17	1,200	5,000	
★234 Wheatland, d	Arthur E. Jervis	'36-'40	15	59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	20	50	33	38	0	126	200	2,529	*12,500	
★235 Whitehall	James B. Ellison	'36-'40	206	511	30	17	39	12	10	32	95	220	155	125	128	142	135	660	280	1,414	*6,500	
★236 Wolvrene	Herbert Norman Jackson	'22-'24	183	432	50	28	38	5	8	13	116	c130	17	453	322	357	55	1,189	1,073	5,819	*100,000	
★237 Wyandotte	Gordon C. Speer	'10-'38	20,994	53,653	6,559	2,359	3,955	638	827	2,494	123	24,630	7,268	348	1,956	1,922	2,150	5,085	2,012	925,364	7,893,882	
★238 Ypsilanti																						
Total:																						

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The apportionment figures as reported by the national boards are as follows: Budgeted — A.B.C.F.M., \$24,465; Home Boards, \$23,564. Unbudgeted — \$13,375.

a Granted leave of absence, Army Chaplain.

b Includes direct giving to Detroit City Work.

d Pittsford, R.D.

MICHIGAN SUMMARY

CHURCHES DROPPED: (1) Johannesburg.
 CHURCHES: 238. Served by pastors: 189 (installed 5; recognized 20; other Cong. and Chr. 125; other denom. 25; licentiates 11; unclassified 3). No. pastors serving: 163. Part time supplies: 4.
 Inactive churches: 21. Vacant churches: 24.
 MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING: 201 (pastors 124; others 77).
 FAMILIES: 34,525.
 NO. OF CHURCHES REPORTING: 116. Av. Ch. Attendance 122; Ch. School 178; Y.P. Org. 134; Home Expenses 203; Church Property 230; Personnel 160; New Building Expenses 111 (amount \$28,786); Invested Funds 63 (amount \$57,139); Pastors' Families 14 (amount \$17,820).
 NO. OF CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING TO APPOINTMENT AND OTHER BENEVO-
 LENCE: 204 (amount \$184,770); On appointment 204 (date conf. 204; A.B.C.F.M. 204; Home Missions 204; Budgeted 129; On gifts 188).
 SALARIES: No churches and voted fields reporting 174 (amount \$384,900). Part time supplies 19 (amount \$10,575). Pastoral Units: 155. Average Salary for regular service: \$2,409.
 LEGACIES: No. 9, \$6,014; No. 26, \$125; No. 39, \$104; No. 53, \$100; No. 65, \$2,225; No. 105, \$3,650; No. 120, \$143; No. 138, \$200; No. 151, \$8,000; No. 154, \$100; No. 172, \$1,000; No. 177, \$100; No. 186, \$700.
 NEW BUILDING EXPENSES: Nos. 1, 7, 9, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 45, 51, 55, 57, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 73, 76, 79, 81, 87, 88, 89, 90, 92, 98, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 110, 111, 115, 117, 123, 127, 129, 130, 135, 140, 141, 143, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 160, 163, 164, 165, 168, 170, 172, 174, 175, 178, 180, 183, 186, 187, 191, 193, 194, 197, 198, 200, 201, 202, 204, 208, 210, 214, 215, 216, 217, 219, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 230, 231, 235, 236, 237, 238.
 YOKED CHURCHES: Nos. 1-21-28; 8-103; 10-158; 12-37-147; 15-79-227; 17-32; 41-155; 43-127; 48-116; 52-103; 54-57-96-128-191; 55-175-80-134; 94-164; 97-225; 98-196; 118-192; 120-121; 124-190-214-234; 130-207; 139-213; 152-195; 154-173; 160-178; 168-189; 170-217; 185-186; with other de-nominations: Nos. 150; 176; 208; 210.